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*Student
Life*



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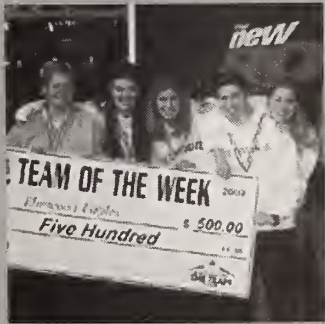


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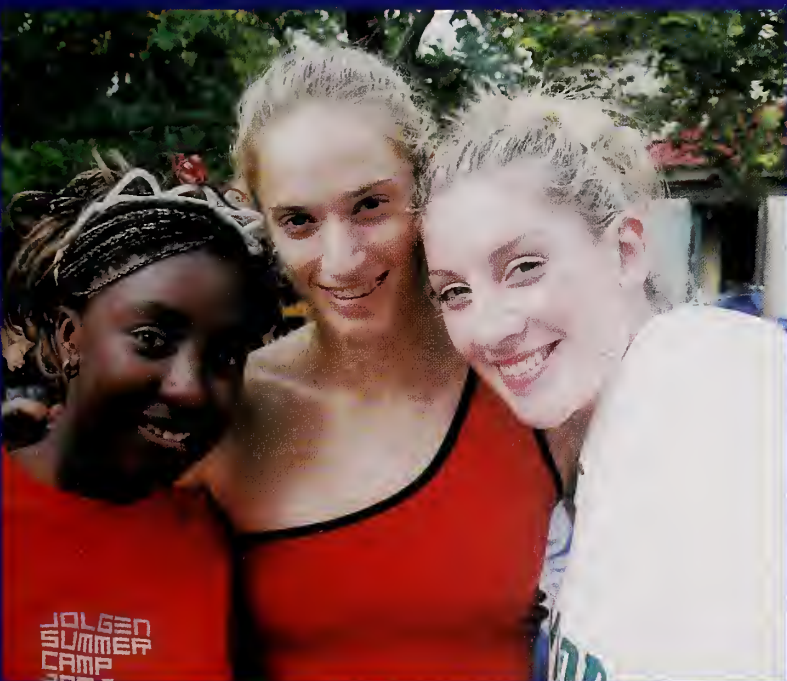




























Graduates 2002-2003





Dorothy Binkley
Head Girl

Eh thank EB you JC for Crticas
helping BS me IB live Am my GM
dreams DL the AJ memories
NSCFers make AMusCH
who MJ we CRAM girlies are JC
breathe BE deep IMSers sing
my Teachers with KH
all JW your BH might AB and
DS dance H2O polochicas
like mommy you'll Daddy
never DSB stop CriMB love
the OACs you IBWSc never Sg
forget FM the McCabes Power
DE of MACaSSUN smile MS



Marty Bogue

Tomy friends LauraJaymee
KathEm KateClareHugh
LeeTedNickKyleCourtand
all the memories that came
with you all pavilmeltdtv
party hearty 420 the brigstoney
sminglewoodscottagesfattiesliver
workouts and lung cancersfrance
dominant ues all the
mistakes and random nights
momdad and friends I love you!
cheers.

Amy Boyle

Thank you Mum, Dad and
Caroline for all your love and
support. Brit and Dals we've
had a fab time darlings!
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going to forget how much fun
we had! Thanks to all my
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nights out, pool parties,
cottages, road trips and all the
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Elodie Button
Head of Wilson

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worth it! Too loud on the first
day, still too loud on the last!
Peace



Janet Clark

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for sending me to Elmwood
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has made me. To my best
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me, you don't know how much
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you.



Elissa Cohen

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rescued and guided by my
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future. PW1st2know. SH kudidit
breakfast buddies Meg I love
you always & forever. Mom,
Dad, Elli I love you. University
here I come.



Laura Corush

Experience is never limited
and it is never complete -
Henry James
Elmwood & Elmwood thanks for
the good times, and to all the
friends who made the past 5
years - the memories will last
a lifetime. Mom and Dad I love
you. Congrats grads of 2003.



Nadia David

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learned throughout my years
at Elmwood is that your
friends are the most important
thing in the world. Without the
help of my friends whether at
Elmwood or outside of school,
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to finish it. So to all those
people thank you. You helped
me through it all with a smile,
and for that you are all very
special people in my heart.



Laura Haley

Is minie a rinnie bromach
gioblach capall cumasach.



Brittany Hughes

It was the best of times, the
worst of times, it was classic
times! Mom, Dad, Jules -
Thanks for all the love and
support, I love you so much!
Amz, Dals, all my 'girls in the
wood', there's been some
classic fun times had by all!
Shane, Fabbs, all else, thanks
for being there when I needed
the escape. It's been quite the
7 year trip, but this episode
has finally concluded. On to
the next! - Brit 0:-)

Alexandra Hui

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(Julie!Jen!Andrea!),
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the opportunity to be part of
the play. Thanks everyone for
a great year! - Alex



Andrea Laporte

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granted me opportunities that
will last a lifetime. Thanks to
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Alyson Mann
Sports Captain

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Jessica Mooney

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Samaneh Salari

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Dalia Shabib
Middle School Prefect

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Kristen Shamess

I would like to thank the staff and students at Elmwood (especially Meagan, Jess, Patti, Cancun Girls). The School has helped me to become the person I am today. I would also like to thank my parents who provided me the opportunity to attend Elmwood. Manisha, you've been a wonderful friend over the years.



Jennifer Watters

Crew:ESrevf&fSPblondie4
evaCVpubbudCRpdiddyRWj
rsfightsOhsogoodboxFootball
girlsBObikeadvSDdoublegolf
LIL'BOYZ:JunpartiesPubsCarrally
BballCarridesThugintraining
DWjr.kBIGBOYZ:5mins?ris
kTabascoSaunaMtl.trips
BeaverpondTroopersFleetwood
LoftDanzpartyCottagemissions
MWtorsWink,LB,MB,ESgybe&tip
TOFeastsThemesongs...tothe
Lost&Found
LotsOfLove



Rebecca Willems
Junior School Prefect

Thanks to my teachers; my parents, especially my mum, for being pillars of strength; my friends JM, LH, LC, PL, KR, JG, Cancun girls, equestrian team, & many more; Stephane I love you! "A very great vision is needed and the man who has it must follow it as the eagle seeks the deepest blue of the sky." – Crazy Horse

Patti Willhauk

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xoxo





Elizabeth Agbi

GrlsGrlsGrls 3LngYrsOfH elBut
WeMade ItWhich CanOnly
MkeUsStrngr *JuULIOlets
BzunceGrlsVivaEspagna
RATAILMANLIVES!
DieUndrwerCuba
PrtySuma03*KYLABum
Wigle4evs!CUB
AadmitThatULuvBalrdy*KDAW
Gwhere 2begn FALALALA
hijckd FirIn FaceDrve
bysXANDERthaLIST Cntinus
TWETIEBRD!*RichUmean,Tha
WrldGRLSSu CanBwa
Uwnt2BILuv UALL!



Jessica Allen

6yrs@daWood Wow Congrats
Girls, Good Luck In The Future.
ThxToMyFamily4AllUrLuvN'Support.
Woodtang Gang Thx4 All The
Memories N'GoodTimes-Parties
@ Sophies House! Carina My
BestestSophie!ll'sis.Lauren...U3grls
WrdsCantSayMyLuv4u.Whitney
U've Helped Me See More
Clearly, SARS!- Nicola
MiaN'Charlie/ Uran Incredible
grl-IILL UVUALWAYS. Luv Jes

Julie Ashton

My love and thanks goes to:
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smile for years "b82rez2g4";
my boys – for keeping me
happy with the randomness
and tickling; **my family** – for
giving me have the
opportunity to come to this
school. I don't know who I'd
be without you all. Love,
schmoolie xox.



Nicola Benidickson

Thanks Mum and Dad for
everything, I love you! **Jess** I'll
always treasure our memories
together. **Alana** Always good
times. **KT** I'll always admire
your humour and optimism,
you're a great friend **Al** you are
a friend I never want to lose.
Bread, mmm! **The girls** you're
amazing people to be around.
Thanks.



Julia Betts

Oh! Goodness the years at
Elmwood are over. Luckily I
will be left with many
memories and good friends
that I will always remember.
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friends, family, Mummy,
Daddy, and all those other
invaluable little green elves.



Sabrina Browarski

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essence of success. I know
that, without the devotion of
my family and friends, I would
not be where I am today. I
would like to thank everyone
who has contributed to my
happiness and success, and
wish everyone the best of
luck in their future endeavors.



Nadia Bryden Head of Nightingale

My tribe @thaWood JR-BEEF/
Awshmee/DESamies/Happybutt/
JA - xchange of probs/advice/
support, u provide all-**thank**.
6yrs in 2 wrds: spesho, fluffy. We
learned...I think its like, inhilator;
or is it -0? I dint do it. Every
Meep UC 'member me.
ThxMDU, IHeartYouAll. That's
the way-i like to oops no more
room



Arianne Buchan

To my teachers, thank you for
your support & guidance. To my
friends, there is too much too
say & a word limit - you all mean
so much to me (VT baby!).
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given me. Remember good
times!



Katie Bullis

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what the past six years at
Elmwood have meant to me. I
have seen a side of me that,
in 1996, I never thought I
would have been capable of
achieving. Than you to my
friends, my mum, and the
Elmwood staff who showed
me the way.



Nicola Burke

Not having been here very long,
I'd just like to thank those of you
who made me feel welcome.
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have got through the first year
without you! Dena, never forget
New Year's + Montreal. Alana for
Florida! Katie G for those Girl's
Night In/Out.



Nazia Charania

I never thought I'd make it to
the day I had to write my grad
write-up, and looking back,
I'm not quite sure how I did
make it, but I know I didn't do
it alone. I don't have enough
room to make a huge list, but
thank you to everyone who
helped me make it this far.



Emily Colton

Sis our years 2gether r
unforgettable luv u through thck/
thin **Lpra/Steph** we made it/
memz will last 4eva Mexico G/
Nads jocks 4eva **Woodtang**
Gang our years have made us
sis's **Liz** I'll never forget the
support u gave me **Chris** my
protector **Mum/Dad** u open the
world 2 me/let me explore all the
I can be.





Sophie Culver-Grey

Wood Tang Gang
unfortunately you girls know
who you are...ahah...wow too
many good times...parties
chez moi. FIO Rebels '99
Jessicallen, cory, & Whit,
much of who I am would be
different without
you....SHAKE IT, GRADS
'03!



Eleni Deacon

"A few words of thanks: To my
family, who have given me all
their love. To my teachers, for
their encouragement and
attention. To my friends, for
the constant silliness, and, of
course, the card games. I will
miss you and be thinking of
you always in years to come
(when I have grown wiser and
taller)."

Tamera Dion

"KISS MY TIARA." Mama,
Papa thank you for your
unconditional love & support.
Sk8r chap, Damol, MPH,
Density, Vulume, XNNB!
Mrs. Bradley Thank you for
everything. **Jared** "If I know
what love is, it is because of
you." **CUBA!** Good memories
ladies...good memories!
Women were made to be
loved, not to be understood.



Julia Doran
Prefect at Large

KtILvU Thanx4
BeingThereFrom The StartN
ThruItAllUr A beautiful Person!
mGladIMet **KI**AdmireUr
Strength **WoodGrIs**Its Been
Great III**MissUG**Luck NxtYear
Guapas Neva Forget Spain
Bumwigg! **Rufio**Nasty Food
GrIsWho Borow Razors Kings
tone **DMontrealCuba**(BX)
Gtmes **NOttawaN**
Elsewhere..Late Nyte
Movies**Sophs**
DramaGrIsThanx **CttgGrIs**LvU
MyFamThankUx



Kyla Dowden

Year 2015: Dearest friends
and colleagues, I write you by
candle light from my dark
lonely stove at Blinds to Go.
Life here is rough: customers
just don't understand
German, so they put me on
the night shift. I have reached
my weight goal: 490 lbs. Ich
liebe dich.



Jenifer Dunbar

Well, these past few years
have been great! Thanks to
my teachers for their
patience and support, and to
my friends for all the fun and
great memories...Smuggs,
Friday Skiing, Montreal, the
"missions", interesting
nicknames...Good luck to
everyone next years. I'll miss
you guys! Thanks M + D too.



Dena El Sayed

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." The trouble with learning from experience is that you never graduate." I'll remember the fun, stress, common bond, iced-caps, laughs, tears, laptops, double-cohort, teachers, and my sisters. Thanks for that.



Stephanie Fathi

Mom & Dad thanks, you've given me the world. Kate, bf for life. KN EO NS NN RZ EM JH JH EC LG WL NP VH NY FN. Hunt Club Crew, since day 1. So many fond memories: Nightly prowler, Space Camp, France, Rugby, QC, Spain, Cancun, Mtl, Hot shots, Cuba. I've had an amazing time at Elmwood. Love you all.



Habibat Garuba

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Stephanie Gaty

First off I would Like To Thank The Wood Tang Gang~Quebec Trip,dinners,TheWorks, Spring Fling,Sophie'sH ouse, English Class,England(choir)...ect. LePhareGirls-Al'ecole LePhare DODO...memories.~ Kt.H (BFF):XOXO Soup,mudslide, Kaymar, Birdland Crew~ Acapulco Ladies (Lpra,Em)- "Amen to that"~ Omar->You Mean The World To Me And More, I Love You

Katie Genereux

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Brittany Gillen

"Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?"- George W Bush. My four years have shaped the woman I have become. The friends I have made, inspire me to be whole. Just remember don't try to fit the ocean into a paper cup. "I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."-Mark Twain





Laura Glowacki

I want to thank my teachers for their patience, guidance, and encouragement and my classmates for their honesty, love, and support. Jess, Dena, Nitty, Em, Kyla, Erin, Alana, Kiki, and all you Elmwood actresses and crew; you guys made my high school years such a blast. Good luck to everyone!



**Jessica Hardinge
Sports Captain**

Adrian: Thank you for being my angel. Lifeguard Crew: AM, AS, AK, SL. Alex: I knew. I would look back on my tears and laugh, but I never thought I would look back on my laughs and cry. Love you forever! Cuba & Montreal: Good times, good times. To all my girls, peace out!

**Jessica Harris
House Head at Large**

To all the "special" kids, thanks for some mad crazy fun years. To all the others I guess you'll just have to try harder next time. Just joshin'! "Good friends are harder to find, harder to keep, and impossible to forget." (Anon) Fiona, you'll be with me always. Besos xoxo



**Katie Houghton
Head Girl**

Wood-tang gang & O'club= I **LOVE YOU GIRLS/Hottub/** Girlsnightout/Orleanscrew/ Georgia & Tennessee= ROAD TRIP 2003 (Good Times)/lamas/ KRAMER & SEINFELD. S.G. - Best Friends 4ever!! Jiri- **YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME, I WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER!!** Parents 'may your frying pan never want fat'



Veronica Howard

I would first like to thank my incredible teachers for their dedication and support. Secondly, to the graduating class, thank you for the laughs. *"Empty yourself of everything. Let the mind be at peace" (from the Dao De Jing)*



Meagan Howcroft

To all my buds here at 'da wood,' thanks for 3 awesome years. Mom, Dad, and Lind's, you guys are my guiding stars, thank you for helping me be the person I am today. My girl, Lisa, always & forever. To M.P, K.D, K.N, L.M, L.G, E.P, B.C.B, M.M, M.D, J.M, B.H., thank you, and I love you all. **PEACE OUT!**



Heather Hull

Success comes not from holding a good hand, but in playing a poor hand well." Szy, McC, & other teachers have taught me to do that. Thanks to my family for the laughter. I'm scared of next year, but I heard once to repeat "Je suis capable!" when afraid. I'm hoping that phrase make us all Zeus....



Lily Kadivar

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Emily Kent

Wow we made it! It has been a great couple of years. I would like to thank my teachers for all of their help and patience. Thank you to all my friends for putting up with my stress- we've had some great memories-Smuggler's, Friday skiing, Montreal, etc. BD dinners at EG, fun times! Thanks also M&D for all your support.



Stephanie Kerrigan

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Jeahan Kraya

2All The GradsWay2GoU've PastThe1*Milestone.Good LuckInThe FutureWit Everything.2My GirlzIn Da Wood Sports WillAlwaysBe WitMe &Iwill Always RememberThe Moments On&Off TheCourt. 2The WTG GiluvUGuys UR AwesomeGood Luck. 2My BigSis Thx4Being There.2ChrisLuvU4EverThxU RMySavior. Mom&DadI Luv U&Thx4 SupportingMe. 2MyBrosMy Protectors.LuvG



Whitney Lewis-Smith

Soph myold soulL U2much iwouldnt have madeitwith outyou michmash neverforget the Gtimes mysis4Lmichy mydear2 manymemsxo harris chelse apride!keke LUSO much jess urtrulylovelyn adswhsitlert wins!ho bodixie chics4evamy famiLU thanku.fionavcuin mydreams.much lovetotheres tovv fthe woodtangg ang bestofluckr eachingyourdre ams'03toinfinity....





Alana MacEwen

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Kyla Macleod

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Emilie Major

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Nitasha Nayar

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Kimberly Ng

3yrs @ the wood &whs 2shw? Friends 4 lyf! Mom&Dad Thx4SendingMeHere,Im Proud2 Bur Daughter. Sue: Eva: Karen: Al: Popo: Derek Thx4 Evrythng. Thx2AllTheTeachers.Clarke& Marchand Thx. SF: JH: NS: EM: EO :LH: AP: JH: RB: AA:JR:LM:LG:NB: DESITWS: I'll Love U4ever, Thnk U4 Being My Angel. Mem: MTL & Cuba& Phone.Thx4 All The Mem & GdTimes.



Christine O'Connor

When I came to Elmwood I wanted to be an astronaut- this school is the reason I'm going to be. Ma and Pop – I'm so lucky to have you. Thanks to all those who believed in me. There are only a few amazing people in this world- I'm lucky enough to know most of them. I love you all.



Erin O'Reilly

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O'Club Hotshots rugby choir
rip Hairless my girl for
Always Kim my party people
Emilio we climb on two by
two Stephie nightly prowls
Tipi I love you! LG JR KD JK
BG JH AM NS JN KM HK EE
besos xoxo



Melissa Partridge

KTG& Nic, thanx for always
being by my side, you made
Elmwood a great
experience* bald men* MIB
dance* Meg&Lisa, congrates
on ur happiness&bravery.
KTB, thanx for always
listening, remember inner
strength equals beauty. Kyla,
never lose your uniqueness.
Mom&John, thanx for giving
me the opportunity of a
lifetime. I love u all.



Alex Paterson

To quote *Buffy*: "Graduation
doesn't just mean your
circumstances change, it
means you do. You ascend."
Thank you Elmwood for
helping me achieve this and
for shaping me into who I am.
I've had 3 1/2 wonderful years
here. My parents, friends, Bo
and Hannah - I love you, and
thank you.



Jennifer Pelland

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and late assignments; but most
of all three years of great
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times and the bad. Good luck
and I'll miss you.

Nadia Potoczny Head of Keller

Cor- Buda! **Jessa**. Lpra-
ostitos, Ro-IC skin,
Twin&sophs- Whistler 4life "O"
Club &2 the **WOODTANGGANG**
Thx 4 the memz (Sophshouse
teva). 2 my sis's **G&M**, **Kir** luv U
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Lauren Pratapas

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made it though luv u. LPRA





Emily Richardson

I've spent six years of my life here, and I don't know what I'd be like now if I hadn't. I don't really want to know. My thanks to those who've supported me: friends, family, and everyone in between. Life is a game, during which you must not only live, but be alive. If you can't win, change the rules.



Katie Robinson

CUBA Cosmos "Movie nytes"
SophsHouse DrivebysSpain
Thanx WTG Guys R The Best
Keep In Touch KYLAuRa Crazy
Girll LoveU LIZ ur so much fun!
Love Ujules 2Many Memzl Cant
Even Describe How Important
URTo Me Thanx4 Everything
IknowU Will Always B There Stu
Drew Craig Uguys Rthe Best
Bros Any Girl Can Have
Mom&Dad Thanx4
TheContinuous Luv&Support
TIME2PARTY!

Lisa Rosenberg

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Joanna Rozanski

RESTECP! Mom&Dad you're my backbone. Big bro, I look up 2u in every way possible. Kocham Was. **BEEF** you weirdo. **Milady**-Bleeky. EDZ, IM, HAG, DES, TS, KN, BG, KD, EO, JA. Standing 2g4 forever. 4elm2mac. Hottawal Green. I LOVE ME. The list. Good look all! xoxo Polish Princess.



Sarah Russell

~Friendship is the golden thread that ties the heart of all the world ~J. Evelyn. Through many years the school, the teachers, and students have shaped my life in immeasurable ways. The laughter and tears will stay with me forever. To my family + friends: thank you for your love, support, and friendship.



Natasha Sabga

To my girls: SF, KN, NN, JH, LG, JR, NB, AW, KB. Thank you all for the amazing times in the wood. To my parents thank you for giving me the opportunity. JC thank you for always being there for me in good times and in bad right? I wish all of you the best of luck with whatever you may do. Much love, Tash xoxo



Aitlin Sears

Thank you to Mrs. Faguy and George for invaluable lessons. Thank you to my parents for the love and support. Thank you to my friends for everything- I love you. "If someone could just take me up when it's time to go to college, that'd be great." Buffy



**Carina Shalaby
Head of Fry**

I would like to thank my parents. J.A. big sis FFE, S.G-littlesisFFE.LP-only 3years, feels like 4 eves Kimmy P-NY, Cuba, Paris!N.P-I'll always be here W.L.S-snowborder QTJ.K-middleeast buddy S.G-funniestIknowK.H- you always made day brighter K.R-made summers best, J.D drama queen K.M- so glad came back. E.C-good friends. Keep In Touch! D.A-for being my best escape, thnx



Susan Shore

Thx 2 tchrs. Mcbe, Ellsn, Lmwd widn't b the sme w/o u. Endlss luv 2 famly. Thr no wrds, thkyu 4 evrthng. Mls cn't brak bnds, I'll alwys b clse. Mor luv 2 frnds, ur everything. Jess (pmtree), Em(strnge), I'll stalk u 4evr. Luvu, ur the best!! Jewls, Jen, u bettr keep ntchst of u no who ur! Rmmb; pink goz w evrthng.



Maggie Thomson

My time at Elmwood has gone by so quickly. I guess that's what happens when you're so busy and having so much fun! To all my friends, you made my time at Elmwood the best it could ever have been! Thanks to my family, and to my teachers who have always be so supportive!

Jessa van den Heuvel

I am very grateful for having been able to live in Canada for three years, and for being an Elmwood student. My wish for the future is that every girl in Canada could have the opportunity to get an education like this. I had a really nice time at Elmwood! Thank you girls, thank you teachers, and thank you Canada.



Jessica Wilson

Mnscule wrd spce; mst writ wyrd kod. Much luv2 frnds vrywher, ur vrythng 2 me. Sus& Mly, bst frnds, ilvu gyz mor thn abbrv. cn say. Ameba, Jny Bny, BliBli, Dn& othrs, kp n tch. Thx2 fvorte Tchrs 4 vrythng (u no who ur). Luv2 clsscs& Nime clb, kep wtchng Mnty Pythn! Luv fnlly 2 fmly, Im rly gratfl 4 al. Liv, Laf, Luv, alwaz ^_^





Ainsley Winter

5 years at Elmwood. I finally made it. Thanks to my girls: **Nadz** monsieur is spesho **Jo** shake dat ting **MELTY dena** slurpees **Hab** time warp **Julie** rollerboy Tasha the **PICKLES** My best friend **Azzer** luv ya lots – green cushions and all. Can't forget the **NNB-** Damol misses the good times. Booyakashal Rock on.



Wei Xu

I have enjoyed the unforgettable two years here. To my family, thank you for your unconditional love and support for everything. To my host family, the Venables, thank you for being supportive, you are my family in Canada and we have had plenty of invaluable memories, and I will cherish them forever. I also wish all my friends and teachers to be prosperous for everything.

Lara Zabel

Big thanx Mom + dad, your support + guidance are much appreciated, to all my friends, you know who you are, the "Elmwood girls", the "Ashbury guys", we've had so many good times over the years, good luck in the future. Thanx to all my teachers, your interest + enthusiasm has been contagious (Mrs. Faguy, thank you for your constant understanding)



Talia Zajac

J.M. Barrie said that memory gives us "roses in December." For all those who have given me that wonderful gift, please accept my heartfelt thanks: my family, my teachers, and my friends. I have never met such a wonderful group of warm-hearted girls. Thank you all!





Student Life



Reaching out a helping hand



Junior Kindergarten Ms. Blagg & Mrs. Hoffman

Front Row, left to right: Mrs. Hofmann, Kimberly Lui, Paul Rodrigues, Olivia Smart, Nicola Denison, Grace MacLeod, Samantha Burton, Ms. Blagg Second Row, left to right: Hannah Dolhai, Jonathan Hindo, Brooke Mierins, Nicholas Morrison, Chloe Lucas, Adam Groper



What I really like about school....

Alana: my teachers.
Alex: the "Mystery Guest."
Benjamin: outdoor gym.
Brooks: playing with the dalmatian toys.
Claire: working hard.
Evangeline: playing outside.
Kelli: playing outside.
Kerson: straws and connector blocks.
Kim: counting by two's.
Kyler: sliding down the hill
Larissa: playing outside and the teachers.
Patrick: playing outside.
Rebecca: wearing dress-up clothes.
Robert: doing artwork.



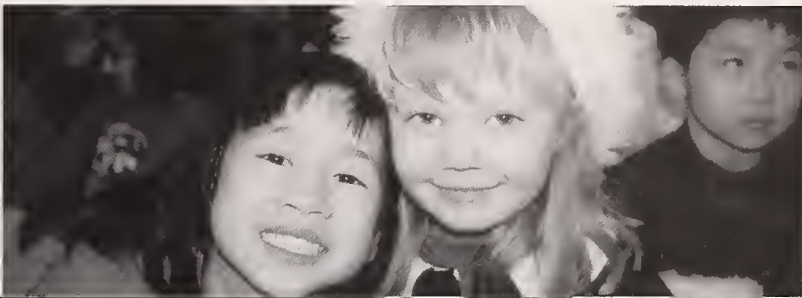
Grade 1 Mrs. McCaffrey

Front Row, left to right: Amelia Palumbo, Priyanka Goel, Priya Muradia, Jordan Donovan, Anna Regan Second Row, left to right: Mrs. McCaffrey, Rafi Mamdani, Emilia Pawlisz, Sarah Melloul, Matthew Coyne, Trevor Haebe, Ms. Farrell Third Row, left to right: Emily Groper, Alexa Naccarato, Bradley Nesrallah, Connor McLaren, Brendan Lucas, Scout Frewer



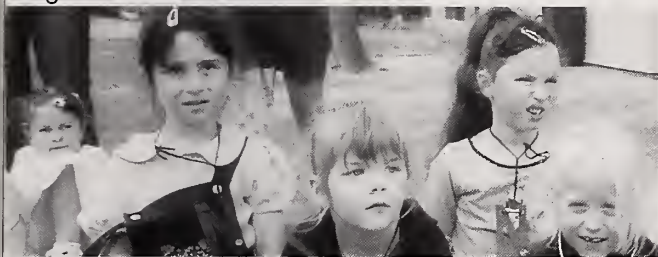
When I grow up, I want to....

Adam: play basketball and golf.
 Brooke: be an artist.
 Chloe: be a ballerina, a doctor, and a Mom.
 Grace: be an author.
 Hannah: be a court lawyer.
 Jonathan: be just like my Dad.
 Kimberly: be a princess.
 Nicholas: be a painter and paint paintings.
 Nicola: be a Mommy princess (Queen).
 Olivia: be a grown up.
 Paul: be a doctor.
 Sammy: be a doctor and a Mommy.



Senior Kindergarten Mrs. Hoffman & Mrs. Wiley

Front Row, left to right: Mrs. Hofmann, Alana Bobra, Evangeline Bedos, Larissa Bobra, Rebecca Godin, Kim Godin, Claire Avisar, Mrs. Wiley
 Second Row, left to right: Kyler Wang, Alex Montgomery, Patrick Bourque, Robert Hartley-Robinson, Benjamin McSweeney, Kerson Song



When I grow up, I want to be....

Alexa: a cheerleader because I want to cheer for football.
 Amelia: a swimming teacher because I can swim under water.
 Anna: a doctor because I like helping other people.
 Bradley: a pet store owner so I can sell pets.
 Brendan: a reptile and amphibian handler because I play with these animals in my backyard.
 Connor: a pet store owner because I like animals.
 Emilia: a teacher because it would be fun.
 Emily: a swimming coach because I love swimming and I take swimming lessons.
 Jordan: a cowgirl because I like to ride horses.
 Matthew: a magician because I would love to be a big star.
 Priya: a dentist because I want to save peoples' teeth.
 Priyanka: a doctor because I want to help people.
 Rafi: a Concorde pilot.
 Sarah: a veterinarian because I want to help animals.
 Scout: a bird scientist because I like birds.
 Trevor: a hockey player because I like to play hockey.

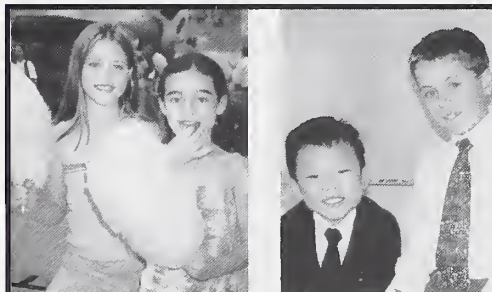




Grade 2

Ms. MacLeod

Front Row, left to right: Morgan O'Dea, Ameera Moledina, Justin Yan, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Victoria McIntyre Second Row, left to right: Ms. MacLeod, Mitchell MacDonald, Ivy Bregman, Jordana Polisuk, Melissa Noel, Olivia Kotarba, Emily Montgomery, Vaughan Rawes, Ms. Wright Third Row, left to right: Hannah Boomer, Charles-Albert Asselin, Samantha Buchanan, Julia Hewitt, Rebecca Boucher, Mario Palumbo



I will ...

Emma R: I live to make the world a better place by helping people.
Yuliya: My purpose is to learn new things, try new things, and never give up.
Christopher: I live for art, music, and adventure, but mostly for friends, family, and sport.
Sophie: My life will be great and I will be with people I love.
Laila: I want to be a photographer because I want to discover and learn about my world.
Jennifer: I will cure all of the diseases that make animals sick.
Cameron: In 25 years, I hope to be in a band with my friends in Los Angeles.
Emma D: I plan to read lots of books and meet lots of new people.
Patrick: When I'm 24 I will work on a U.S. military base.
Margot: I will study music because that is something I love.
Alice: I'll not forget all the rules that Mrs. G taught me in grade 3.
Stephanie: I hope to win an Academy Award for Best Actress.
Amy: In my spare time I will help poor people.
Dylan: I want to be a veterinarian who helps little animals.
Stanley: I live to learn, have fun, and co-operate.
Surain: I live to be a genetic engineer.
Emma L: I live to be loved and I love my school.
Kristen: My goal will be to reach the Olympics in figure skating.



Grade 4

Mrs. Johnson

Front Row, left to right: Victoria Loeb, Sonya Ruddy, Anuja Sinha, Kelly Coultry, Taylor O'Dea Second Row, left to right: Mrs. Johnson Alessandra Cinotti, Christina Jacobsen, Alicia Smart, Priya Wadhwa Kelly Hunter, Heather McDonald Third Row, left to right: Charlotte O'Neill, Stephanie Pratapas, Julia Fottinger, Juliet Caragianis, Sarah Bouzanis, Lyndsay Kotarba, Irena Wight





Grade 3 Mrs. Gerspacher

Front Row, left to right: Stanley Leong, Laila Murray, Sophie Bérubé, Emma Regan, Kristen Brazeau, Juliana Assaly, Christopher Hales
 Second Row, left to right: Margot Whittington, Surain Roberts, Yuliya Melik, Emma Dolhai, Dylan Toms, Quincy Batson
 Third Row, left to right: Mr. Adams, Amira El-Defrawy, Stephanie Black, Cameron Morrison, Jennifer Maginnis, Patrick Rhodes, Emma Lynn, Alice Bifield, Mrs. Gerspacher

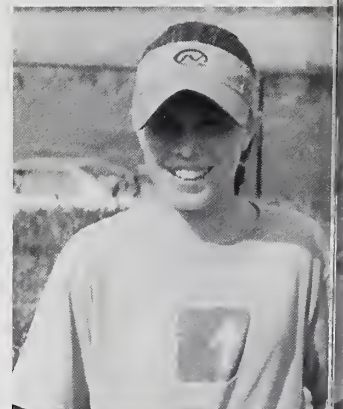




Grade 5B

Mrs. Beggs

Front Row, left to right: Julia E, Laura Brazeau, Sabrina Villeneuve. Second Row, left to right: Madeline Oster, Cleo Clatney, Taylor Flynn, Rachel Liu, Natasha Duncan, Haley Abugov. Third Row, left to right: Mrs. Beggs, Kailey Richards, Amanda Lewis, Rachel Garbutt, Ruth Lark, Jacki McMurray, Emily Alexander. Absent: Sabina Dewfield Lohoar, Caroline Tong



How we describe our classmates

Bailey, by Taylor
 Brunette, freckles, plays with friends, shy, quiet, tall, generous, pre-teen
 Ruth, by Sabrina
 Tall, long, likes to play, friendly, understandable, learns, generous, friend
 Laura, by Ruth
 Creative, smart, confident with everything, learns, imaginative, has friends,
 human friends
 Sabrina, by Rachel L.
 Jew, friendly, spends time wisely, observing, smiling, kind, tall, female
 Sabrina, by Cleo
 Friendly, unusual, likes baby horses, laughs, loyal, sweet, generous, fun
 Natasha, by Caroline
 Funny, pretty, cheers everyone up, friendly, energetic, kind, generous,
 Homo sapiens
 Jacki, by Sabrina
 Sporty, lively, plays many sports, caring, kind, funny, bouncy, friend
 Madeline, by Emily
 Dancer, fast, skates beautifully, gracefully, kind, quiet, funny, normal, friend
 Taylor, by Kailey
 Blonde, small, plays winter sports, busy, careful, funny, cute, mammal
 Julia, by Rachel G.
 Kind, Athletic, Like playing soccer, Friendly, humorous, thoughtful, happy,
 Peer
 Emily, by Natasha
 Intelligent, strong, friendly, happy, calm, enjoys swimming, hockey, soccer,
 mammal
 Cleo, by Jacki
 Talented, pretty, loves to act, small, friendly, funny, neat, classmate
 Rachel L. by Amanda
 Neat, smart, works really hard, kind loyal, respectful, peaceful, friend

Rachel G. by Haley
 Smart, funny, she loves monkeys, thoughtful, happy, kind, generous, Homo
 sapien
 Amanda by Laura
 Funny, playful, loves to laugh, loyal, friendly, working, running, friend
 Haley by Julia E
 Kind, funny, enjoys, playing soccer, active, friendly, fun, lively, human being
 Caroline by Madeline
 Smart, tall, plays with makeup, generous, funny, loyal, daring



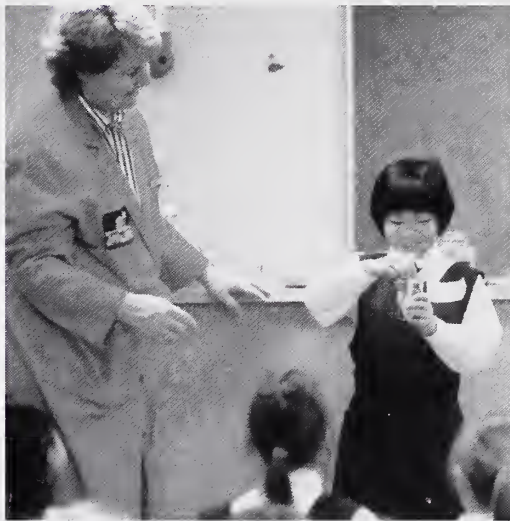
Grade 50 Mrs. Ostiguy

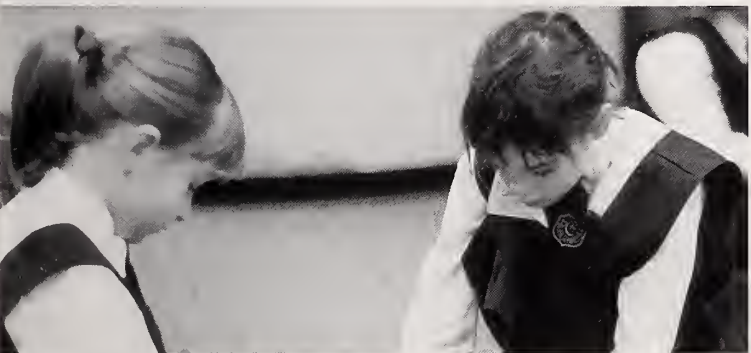


Front Row, left to right: Megan Grey, Monica Mikhael,
 Eva Palumbo, Vanessa Morgan Mziray, Caroline
 Mierins. Second Row, left to right: Ms. Ostiguy, May Vu,
 Masha Zarakhani, Silya Shenassa, Jennifer Shepherd,
 Laura Haebe, Rebecca Wilson. Third Row, left to right:
 Katherine Hales, Jenna Wilson, Maddie Newton, Kelly
 O'Connor, Michelle Sleeth, Lindsay Spooner.



WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, JENNIFER SHEPHERD - MAMA & PAPA







Grade 6 G

Ms. Gallagher



Front Row, left to right: Raisa Patel, Elizabeth Huffaker, Katherine McDonald, Bronwyn Thomson, Ashley Adams, Christine Soong Second Row, left to right: Lindsay Bryden, Sophia Lal, Marisa Ashley, Sara Bastianelli, Alison Miller, Laurie Biewald, Shilpa Goel Third Row, left to right: Anita E, Kate Portner Gartke, Caroline Garel-Jones, Rachelle-Zoe Bonnevillie, Alicia Bartlett, Nancy El Attar, Ally Hindo, Mrs. Gallagher



Favorite saying or favourite thing

- Lisa: Ya dumbo!
 Justine: What's up?
 Colleen: If it looks good eat it
 Emily: Bagels
 Elena: Being small has a lot of advantages
 Sarah C: Gosh, it's French!
 Sophia: Humphrey
 Larissa: Frogs
 Ashley: Got milk?
 Juliane Hj: Acting
 Julianne Hu: Frankly/cats
 Lindsey: Yello!
 Sandy: You silly bum
 Molly: Life's too short. Don't let it pass you by.
 Nikola: Hola!
 Supriya: Yo people!
 Rachel: Matharoni and cheese (math and macaroni and cheese)
 Julie: Guess?
 Sonya: Indian dancing
 Ms. Tweedie: 6T!

Our Lives in 15 Years

Raisa: I'd have gone to Queens University and finished doctor school. I'd live in Toronto, and MIGHT have a boyfriend.

Caroline: I will be flying in my own private jet with leather couches.

Ally: I want to be a horseback riding teacher and a vet.

Shilpa: I want to be a dentist or doctor.

Lindsay: My profession would be art and a traveling vet, so that sick, wild animals will not get even worse.

Nancy: When I'm 26 I would like to be a veterinarian.

Alison: I'm going to be a doctor working in Africa.

Christine: I am going to live in Ottawa; I'm going to be a talented animated artist and a kindergarten teacher.

Laurie: I am going to be bathing in my pink bikini by my Olympic sized pool in California.

Ashley: I will be an actress, stage manager, and a movie director.

Elizabeth: I will be 26 and would like to be in my last year of veterinary school, be a biologist, a marine biologist or a herpetologist.

Rachelle Bonneville: I want to be a well, well paid teacher for children.

Kate: I'm going to be 26 years old, retired and rich.

Anita: I will be shopping in Hawaii.

Marisa: I would like to be an actor or an explorer.

Bronwyn: I will be a flight attendant flying to Hawaii in Avril Lavigne's private jet.

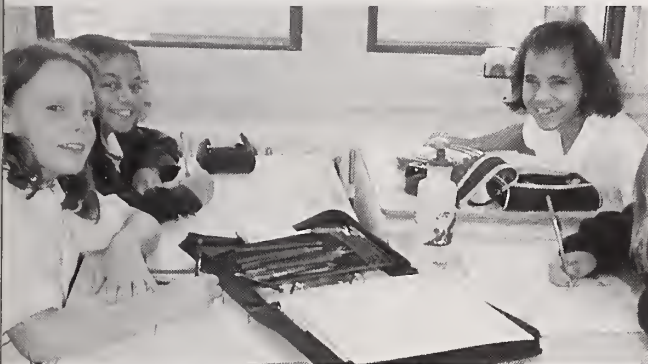
Katherine: I want to be living in Knysna, South Africa by the beach. I hope to have a job but I don't know what I want to be yet.

Alicia: When I'm 26 I'm going to be the best veterinarian ever born.

Sophia: When I am 26 I want to be finishing university to be an interior designer like mom.

Sara: I hope I will be a teacher or I hope I will be in medical school. I also hope I could live in Toronto. I wish I could be a wonderful artist and paint pictures to be in the museum.

Grade 6 T Miss Tweedie



Front Row, left to right: Elena Clark, Lisa Baillieul-Fine, Sarah Coyne, Larissa Fulop, Molly Reisman Second Row, left to right: Nikola Ruddy, Sophia Dhalla, Emily Baxter, Lindsey Hunt, Colleen Brown, Supriya Sethi, Sandy Kechichian Third Row, left to right: Sonya Wadhera, Julianne Hjartarson, Rachel Stein, Sarah Shaikhali, Ashley Hartman, Julianne Hughes, Justine Boomer, Miss Tweedie
Absent: Julie Sutton





Grade 7H

Ms. Holt

Front Row, left to right: Rosa Tran, Nicolle Bonar, Valerie Lemelin, Nikki Campbell, Shamila Charania, Rebecca-Rose Loeb, Dana Zhalko-Tytarenko. Second Row, left to right: Vanessa Assaly, Vera Qi Lin, Prashanthi Baskaran, Rachel Hutchinson, Sammie Lindsay, Emily Rack, Forrest Hartman. Third Row, left to right: Anne-Christine Asselin, Krina Merchant, Nora Dempsey, Anneka Bakker, Rachel Currie, Sophie Goss, Hilary Brown, Ms. Holt



7L Nicknames

Rebecca: Beckerbutts	Megan: Mini Me
Sarah: Sar bear/bumba	Ashley: Smash
Kira: Cake Face	Mea: Miss Ma'am
Dana: Danish	Jen: Jen the hen
Alexis: Dark Angel	Anita: Nita
Jasmine: Ratsoup	Riyaz: Rizz Bizz
Kimberly: Kimmy Kim Kim	Steffi: Steffi
Toika: Toikers/ hari-care	Michaela: Mickey
Stephanie H: Steph	Samantha: Samsters
Elizabeth: Lil' Wiz	Rachel: T.B.
Mr. Lamb: Mr. Lââââmb	



Grade 7S

Ms. Stewart

Front Row, left to right: Anisha Sinha, Katie Yelle, Isabella Price, Julia Campbell, Erin Kerr, Kylie Flynn. Second Row, left to right: Megan Halliwushka, Talia Poleski, Alanna Mar, Maja Greenspon, Rebecca Cheff, Olivia Scott, Cecilia Culver-Grey. Third Row, left to right: Annie O'Shea, Brittany Lewis, Karin McDowell, Hannah Paterson, Kaleigh McMurray, Sarah Swift, Jennifer Le Pan, Ms Stewart



What will we be in 20 years?

Rachel C: One of the 2 richest people on Earth
 Sammie: One of the 2 richest people on Earth
 Nicolle: Judge or Canadian Ambassador
 Rosa: Marshal Art's expert/bio-chemist
 Rebecca-Rose: The world's best lawyer/showbiz diva
 Rachel H: Famous author and artist
 Valerie: World renowned author
 Christine: Actress on *MAD TV*
 Nora: Famous photographer
 Krina: Abstract artist
 Nikki: Park ranger on horseback
 Vanessa: Famous soccer player
 Sophie: Animal collector for a zoo
 Prashanthi: Business woman
 Hilary: Famous singer and part time kindergarten teacher
 Forrest: Cat breeder and author
 Anneka: WNBA Player
 Shamila: Famous Author
 Emily: Oldest and healthiest person in the world
 Dana: Cartoon Character voice
 Vera: Second female PM of Canada



Grade 7L Mr. Lamb

Front Row, left to right: Riyaz Basi, Sarah Merkley, Michaela McGee, Rebecca Le Fevre, Stephanie Hunt. Second Row, left to right: Megan Ody, Kimberly Fung, Alexis Martineau, Jasmine Rasuli, Samantha Lamontagne, Elizabeth Kelly, Toika Kanter. Third Row, left to right: Rachel Witherspoon, Ashley Babcock Brooks, Anita Malik, Kira Eymans, Mea Jordaan, Jennifer Fuller, Dana Achtemichuk, Mr. Lamb. Absent: Stephanie Grand



Song that most represents us

Julia: Back in black
 Rebecca: The Hocky Pocky Song
 Cece: Girls Talk
 Kylie: Crazy Bus from *Arthur*
 Maja: You can do it
 Megan: Sk8ter Boi
 Erin: The Chicken Song
 Brittany: Barbie Girl
 Jennifer: Jenny from the block
 Alanna: Purple Stew
 Karin: Kung fu Fighting
 Kaleigh: Surfing USA
 Annie: *Jeopardy* Theme Song
 Hannah: Innocent
 Talia: Get Ready
 Isabella: Complicated
 Olivia: *Addams Family* Theme Song





Grade 8C

Ms. Coates

Front Row, left to right: Ishani Nath, Ernestine Moore-Drolet, Alexandra Fottinger, Arianna Sanelli. Second Row, left to right: Sonia Hussain, Sarah Taylor, Laura Pavezka, Erica Weinstein, Madeleine Hall, Pamela Williams, Jane Reisman. Third Row, left to right: Imke Scholz, Stephanie Shea, Clare Funston, Rebecca Glover, Alicia Kerrigan, Morgan Wallack, Christine McLellan, Madame Coates. Absent: Angela Bouzanis, Leah Somers



You will never see...

Sarah unhappy.
Annie-Claire criticizing skating.
Kirsten getting a joke.
Lisa sitting still.
Alex staying quiet.
North laughing at stupid jokes.
Shikha listening.
Emma watching *Star Trek*.
Amina grumpy.
Liz missing *Star Trek*.
Ally doing her homework at home.
Julia not singing.
Margaret in detention.

Erika without interesting earrings.
Emilie without Allie.
Jill without a volleyball.
Stefani early for homeroom.
Natasha in grade 6.
Elly in a bad mood.
Alicia being serious.
Madie complaining about riding.
Margo late for anything.
Louise again.
(Good luck in New Zealand!)



Grade 8P

Ms. Potter - Mäl

Front Row, left to right: Alexandra Cestnik, Katie Sacks, Emily Miller, Larissa Zajac, Rachael Rodrigues. Second Row, left to right: Kathleen Lark, Alexa Yegendorf, Christiane McGovern, Amanda Meadows, Danielle Rainville, Mata Kranakis, Madie MacDonald(8D). Third Row, left to right: Elizabeth Connolly, Meaghan MacLean, Taylor Reid, Devon McCormack, Emily Mattiussi, Keva Legault, Aja Butler George, Ms. Potter-Mäl. Absent: Fajer Almulaifi



Who will you marry?

Angela: Pop from Rice
Crispies
Alex: Einstein
Lare: Yogi Bear
Rebecca: Yoda
Madeline: Shane West
Donia: Bart Simpson
Licia: Mini Me
Christine: Jar Jar Binks
Ernestine: Mr. Bean
Shani: Aladdin
Laura: Sponge Bob
Jane: Ralph Wiggum

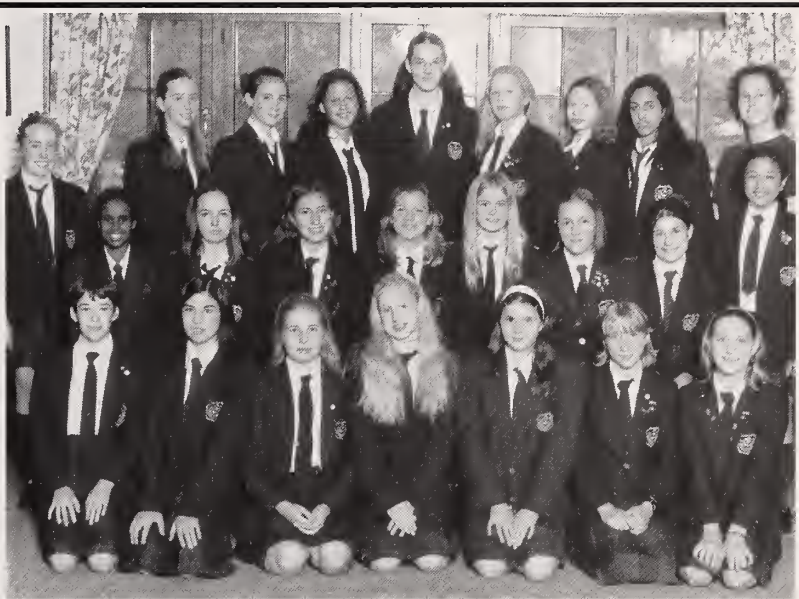
Arianna: Banana #2
Imke: Geoffrey
Chausser
Stephanie: Spock
Leah: Eeyore
Sarah: Pooh Bear
Morgan: R2D2
Erica: Frodo
Pamela: Road Runner
Madame Coates: Sting



Grade 8D

Ms. Dorcas

Front Row, left to right: Alicia Timmons, Alexandra DeForge, Shauna Orney, Annie Claire Bergeron-Oliver, Elly Smallwood, Elizabeth Affett, Erika Tilson. Second Row, left to right: Amina Ibrahim, Emilie Gimes, Margo Vachon, Julia Normand, Natasha Turner, North de Ancier, Emma Duret, Louise Prior. Third Row, left to right: Lisa Cameron, Margaret Seaborn, Alexandra Milne, Jillian Maclaren, Sarah Mack, Stefani Scrivens, Kirsten Boomer, Shikha Dilawri, Ms. Dorcas









Front Row, left to right: Nazik Amdiss, Stephanie Hjartarson, Blair Stein, Pippa Leslie, Stephanie Berg-Riddell, Catherine Gibbard. Second Row, left to right: Becky Allen, Talia Sechley, Christine Johnston, Justine Sabga, Zoe Anderson, Erica Hoe, Mandy Wiwczaruk. Third Row, left to right: Charlotte Dietz, Liz Wilson, Sarah Quinn, Amira Tadros, Emma Watt, Ghada Al-Hussaini, Nora Sultan, Miss Christmas

Grade 9C Miss Christmas



Nicknames that will haunt us for the rest of our lives

Marisha: Eesh
Marnie: Thurso
Jessica: Mars bar, Book...Mark
Emily: Amber, WA
Allie: Mohammed Ali
Alex: Billings Bridge
Kate: Reeny, Meehan
Iris: Eeris, Erescopolis
Sara: Frenchie
Erin C.: Coultry
Erin H.: Moofin
Amanda: Amarnduh?
Anna: Bobii, Anna-banana
Megan: Squirt
Teagan: Tiggiwinkles
Maura: Macbaby
Elmira: Gwyneth Paltrow
Courtney: Baboushka
Mrs. Depooter: Retooped

Celebrity Husbands



Grade 9D Mrs. Depooter

Front Row, left to right: Erin Coultrey, Amanda Garbutt, Megan Cheung, Kate Meehan. Second Row, left to right: Jessica Thompson, Emily White, Iris E, Sara Anderson, Courtney Smith, Alex Billings, Erin Horwitz. Third Row, left to right: Marisha Tardif, Mira Slocum, Allie Mierins, Marnie Brown, Teagan Jones, Anna McKay, Maura Furlong-MacInnis, Mrs. Depooter





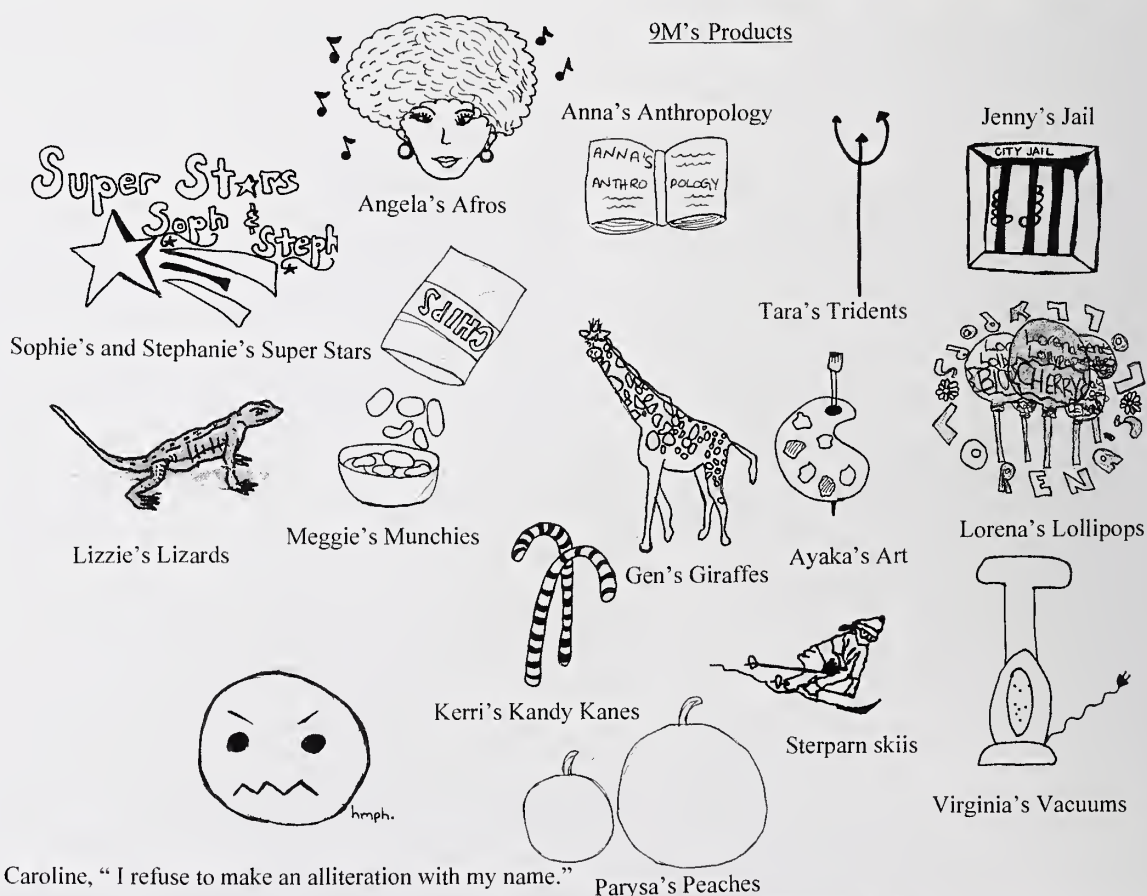
Grade 9H Ms. Hunter



Front Row, left to right: Courtney Lindsay, Willie Deneault, Sarah Buchan, Anna Cameron, Caroline Kingston. Second Row, left to right: Rosemary Lazier, Ayla Fisk, Gwen Cowley, Hope Villeneuve, Alex Pattee, Jessie Thornton. Third Row, left to right: Karlye Wong, Roosje van Oss, Katie Howard, Sandra van der Jagt, Jasmine Baker, Annie Kirvan, Ms. Hunter. Absent: Sara Fadden, Mathilde Serre.



9M's Products



Snow "White" and the 17 Dwarves...

Ms. Hunter -- Snow Red
Hope -- Evil
Gwen -- Dancey
Sarah B. -- Klutzy
Rosemary -- Singy
Jessie -- Butter-Fingers
Annie -- Fanny
Sandra -- Not-So-Dwarfish-Dwarf
Sara J. -- Gimp

Willie -- Blondie
Alex -- Patty
Courtney -- Fluorescent
Jasmine -- Penguin
Karlue -- Twiddle-Dummy
Caroline -- Spinny
Katie -- Perky
Ayla -- Disgruntled
Anna -- Violent

Grade 9 Ms. McCurdy & Mrs. McCabe

Front Row, left to right: Lorena Mason, Caroline Leslie, Parysa Salemi. Second Row, left to right: Ayaka Fujiwara, Geneviève Roach, Lizzie Howard, Anna Warunkiewicz, Meggie Bain, Tara Sprott. Third Row, left to right: Miss McCurdy, Stephanie Tannis, Kerri Haynes, Julia Sterparn, Sophie Chiasson, Virginia Brown, Angela Skaff, Mrs. McCabe. Absent: Jenny Cheetham.





Grade 10C

Mrs. Carver

Front Row, left to right: Marielle McGovern, Jaye Appotive, Alexandra Knight, Katria Coburn, Caroline McLoughlin. Second Row, left to right: Emily Nadolny, Brooke Herczeg, Luise Birgelen, Karen Leung, Hannah McGeachie, Katie King. Third Row, left to right: Nicky Lightstone, Monica Gallant, Alex McClenahan, Laura Kerrigan, Victoria Little, Ashley Laplante, Perry McCormack, Ms. Carver.



You would never see....

Agathe in a French class.
 Alex unprepared for a test.
 Alexa not talking about horses.
 Ayesha without a cappuccino.
 Caroline not fidgeting.
 Clare on a sports field.
 Dana at a pop concert.
 Emily with the same hairstyle for more than 5 minutes.
 Jessica knowing what's going on.
 Katherine wearing the Gap.
 Katie in a tattoo/ piercing shop.
 Kristina on the O.C. bus.
 Laura without a 50lb backpack.
 Maryam not talking.
 Missy at Stephanie's height.
 Monique without a perfect uniform.
 Sarah not giggling.
 Stephanie turning down tickets to see Avril Lavigne.
 Tamara with dry hair.

Ms. Dabee not looking fashionable



Grade 10H

Ms. Hart

Front Row, left to right: Abanti Zakaria, Rosemary Tross, Stéphanie Arsenijevic, Caroline Lefort. Second Row, left to right: Jessica White, Crystal Sun, Jane Pigott, Jade Legault, Sarah Yan. Third Row, left to right: Maja Campara, Genna Giampaolo, Kaylyn Fraser, Sandra Sharpe, Bassant El Attar, Jennifer Tigner, Ms. Hart. Absent: Morgen Smith, Jessica Venables, Tamara Wilson



Our favourite quotes

xx: "How exciting!"
 e: "If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much space."
 nie: "There's only one person who I can trust..."
 ooke: "Poochy tang!"
 roline: "The good guys, always stalwart and true. The bad guys, we always defeat them and save the day."
 nily: "Don't settle for the one you can live with...wait for the one you can't live without."
 unnah: "Truth takes time."
 ye: "Growing up means letting go of what others will think."
 ren: "Yes, I do have connections with the Sens!"
 e: "When writing a story, you write the first draft with your heart, the second with your mind."
 tria: "What ever doesn't kill you will only make you stronger."
 ise: "Don't start frowning because you never know who might be falling in love with your smile."
 arielle: "Every moment is another chance."
 onica: "Shalten Man."
 cky: "Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal; reach high for the stars lie hidden in your soul."
 ictoria: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift."
 rry: "Remember the 8 (7) P's."



Grade 10D Ms. Dabee

Front Row, left to right: Dana Wong, Maryam Al-Ali, Annie Lee, Gillian Graham, Stephanie Hewetson. Second Row, left to right: Alexa O'Donnell, Sara Duplancic, Laura Doubleday, Caroline Hyle, Emily Rowland, Katherine Morrison, Ayesha Basi. Third Row, left to right: Jessica Dhaliwal, Alix Dudley, Monique Larson, Missy Hteduck, Tamara Dolan, Katie Bifield, Kristina Medow, Miss Dabee. Present: Agathe Maire, Clare Shields



You will never see....

Abanti working as an EC dancer.
 Bassant dissing Aaron Carter.
 Caroline not wearing running shoes.
 Crystal without her star paper.
 Genna as a librarian.
 Jade not falling down and tripping over everything.
 Jane shopping at Giant Tiger.
 Jenn falling out of love with Mike Fisher.
 Jess W. acting normal.
 Jess V. being in class on time.
 Kaylyn being rude.
 Maja being normal.
 Morgen going on an entire conversation without mentioning water polo.
 Rosemary being a DJ.
 Sandra in a Maple Leaf's jersey.
 Sarah shaving her head.
 Stephanie not figure skating.
 Tamara doing interpretive dance.

Ms. Hart being late for class.





Grade 11H

Mrs. Hackett

Front Row, left to right: Anais Kadian, Neha Goel, Ridhi Davada, Nadia Ham Pong Second Row, left to right: Emma Allen, Laura Ghattas, Gabrielle Bonneville, Alex Nahwegahbow, Heather Armstrong, Caroline Hunt Third Row, left to right: Sarah Pelow-Charbonneau, Shalta Dicaire, Jasmine Sultan, Lo Pitfield, Sarah Edwards, Ali Duret, Jennifer Blakney, Mrs. Hackett



Grade 11S

Mrs. Sabourin

Front Row, left to right: Claire van Koughnett, Anjali Tejuja, Jessica Tien, Selina Hsia, Samira Salari Second Row, left to right: Jessica Roach, Cabrey Grey, Sarah McDonald, Kayli Cooper, Nicole Sleeth, Rachael Montgomery Third Row, left to right: Katja Scholz, Emma Roberts, Mary-Jane Tingley, Katie Crysdale, Kathryn Johnson-O'Brien, Rhiannon Derbyshire, Catherine Wilson Absent: Madame Sabourin

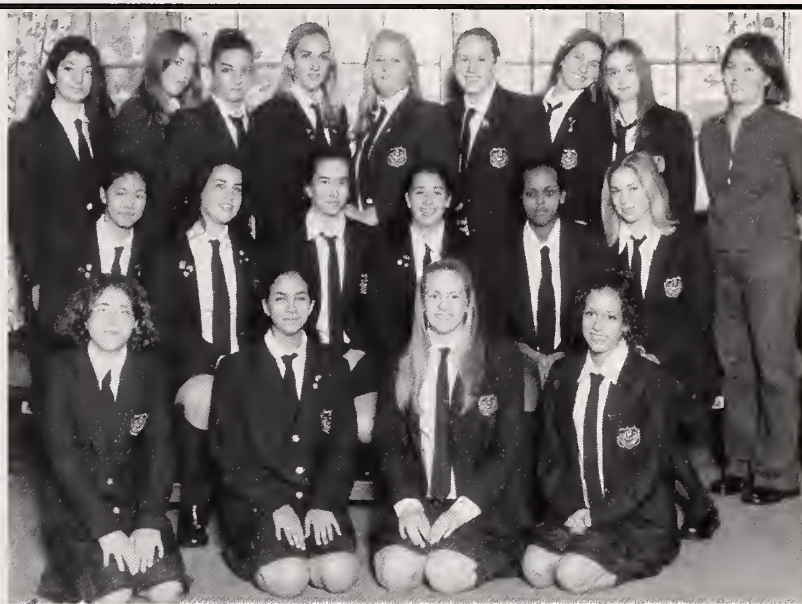


What we will be in twenty years



Grade 11L Mrs. Lamb

Front Row, left to right: Samantha Plihal, Laurence Moutham, Alex
 Mys, Alissa Bonneville Second Row, left to right: Marion Liang,
 Jessica Loeb, Alex Kirvan, Lauren MacLean, Salma Ibrahim,
 Stephanie Ramsay Third Row, left to right: Shafaq Latif, Aleana
 Chung, Anne Murphy, Julie Pickering, Jillian Normand, Victoria Metz,
 Aneka Richmond, Christina Amundsen



Songs that best represent us

Anjali: Für Elise
 Cabrey: Streets of Philadelphia
 Catherine: Life
 Claire: Happiness and the Fish
 Emma: Somewhere Out There
 Jessica R.: Clumsy
 Jessica T.: Tin live
 Kathryn: Baroque Suite #5 (Bach)
 Katie: Christopher Robin
 Katja: Time of Your Life
 Kayli: Superstar
 Mary-Jane: Under the Sea
 Nicole: The Lumberjack Song
 Rachael: The Lost Penny (Beethoven)
 Rhiannon: If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands!
 Sarah: Old McDonald
 Samira: If I had a million dollars
 Selina: The Diablo Song
 Mme. Sabourin: The Little Spanish Flea











Academics

Together we reach our destiny

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HEADMISTRESS DR. KIRBY



As we once again prepare for the celebration of a challenging and rewarding Elmwood year, it seems hard to imagine that this is my seventh Samara greeting. At the time of my appointment as Headmistress, I gathered a selection of old yearbooks to help me fully appreciate the life and culture of Elmwood. As I read through the highlights of each year and saw the wonderful photos, I enjoyed just a small taste of what it means to be a member of the Elmwood community. As I look today, the faces have names and each event has a delightful memory. It is difficult to realize that next year's Samara will have a greeting from a new Head and I will have joined the ranks of those fascinating women who went before me in this unbelievably interesting position. However, I am prepared for the new role of past-Headmistress for when I came to Elmwood, I was very aware that this was a position of stewardship. My job was to respect the traditions of the school while ensuring its future through thoughtful, appropriate change. It has not been an easy task but, on a daily basis, it has been a labour of love and of joy. That has been my reality because of you, the students. Your intelligence, spirit, courage and enthusiasm have made the most difficult days worthwhile and interesting. I have never ceased to be amazed and frequently been amused by your abilities to "state your case" whatever the issue, whatever my resolve. You are young women (and men) with enormous potential and dazzling opportunity. In a world where we are bombarded by news of conflict, danger and death it would be easy to become discouraged and overwhelmed. Working with you has prevented this from happening to me. I am regularly impressed by your idealism, your optimism and your willingness to take a stand for what you believe. We live in a world that needs these qualities and I am proud to have played a small part in helping you develop them.

Look over this yearbook and enjoy a review of these wonderful days. Then make a firm resolve to do your part to make next year an even better one. Your school needs you and your contribution to its spirit, its activities and its community. I have enjoyed being part of this community and feel confident that the school will go from strength to strength, not because of its Head but because of you, its students. I leave you with thanks and love for seven unforgettable years – Summa Summarum.



Mrs. McGregor Director of Curriculum and Technology

I returned to Elmwood in late August after a year away at the University of Ottawa teaching in the Bachelor of Education program. The year away gave me time to reflect on the School and gain a fresh perspective. I have a renewed appreciation for the overall excellence of the School and the hard work and dedication it takes to preserve that excellence. I found that Elmwood was a well known and well respected institution and there was considerable interest at the university in all aspects of the school, particularly in the laptop program. When I returned I found the school a very busy place and sometimes wondered, when I had a chance to pause, if I had been away at all.

This year has been a time of completion- the final class of OAC, the final year of implementation of the four year high school program and the completion of the phasing in of the laptop program for Grades 10, 11 and 12 students. We had record numbers of graduating students and record numbers of these students completing I. B. Diplomas as well as

the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Teachers in the Senior School needed to phase in another year of new curriculum completing four years of new courses to prepare. The teachers have also had to teach "old curriculum" with "old rules" of assessment and evaluation in parallel with new curriculum with very different methods of assessment and evaluation. We were very conscious of the "double cohort" and the need to prepare both groups of graduating students for university entrance. The School continued to offer a full program of OAC courses for these last Grade 13s but there were inevitably crossovers of students between the programs adding yet another layer of complexity.

I would like to thank everyone involved with Samara 2002-03 for giving of their time and energy to create a record of this past school year for all of us to enjoy. Your work never seems to end- before one year is completed the next one is being planned. Congratulations to all of you.



Mrs. Schmidt

Junior School Vice-Principal

The school is so quiet; a far cry from the many activities which the children have been involved in over the past year. Even the play structure is standing like a lonely giant in the empty field. The sun is shining in my window, and the air is still except for the occasional buzz of a bee. I guess that summer has arrived!

This past year has been our busiest yet, I believe. To tell about all of the things in which the children were involved would easily fill the book. Suffice it to say that every child in the school was involved not only in active learning, but also in sharing and caring for themselves, their school, and their communities. We had Flat People travelling, mounted animals posing, cocoons hatching, and teddy bears picnicking. There were dancers, musicians, actors, and speakers of all kinds. We traveled down the street, across the city, out of town and back into the past, some-

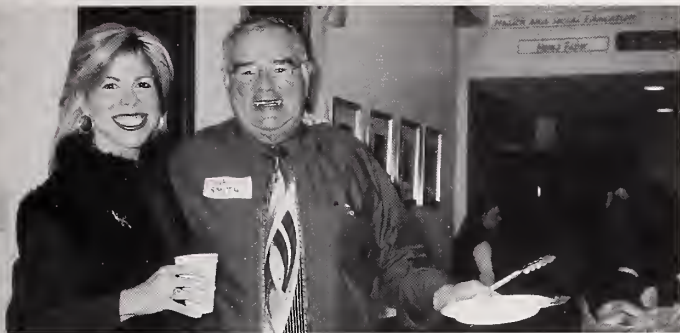
times all at once! We waved goodbye, said hello, scared people, ran for the cure and did some spitting too. We were good sports, crafty, brainy and artsy. All of it together, and more, filled our year to overflowing.

This wonderful book shows some of the areas in which the Junior School involved itself. I would like to thank all those who have helped make this a great year and a wonderful yearbook.



Mrs. Milligan

Middle School Vice-Principal



It has been another busy and exciting year in the Middle School. I want to thank all of the parents, family and friends for all the support that you generously gave to the Middle School throughout the year. It was this support that made the difference enabling us to touch the lives of many others in this community and beyond.

I also want to thank Dalia and the Middle School Prefects for all their wonderful ideas and endless energy that they brought to the Middle School. Their many successes included the Grade 6 Hallowe'en Party, Dances, bringing Christmas to a family, Talent Night, Grade 8 Bash and their work with charities. Dalia I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

The Middle School made a difference in the community through its partnership with York Street School, the joint breakfast and its book drive which collected over 3,000 books. The Middle Years philosophy is one of exploration and discovery. The students were

encouraged to explore the numerous extra-curricular activities available such as Yoga, Improv, Debating and Self Defence just to highlight a few.

This year saw a new development in the Middle School. Our music program was expanded to include an Honour Band, Jazz Band and Grade 7 Band. The Spring Concert was outstanding.

The Stock Market was another huge success. Thanks to all of those parents who came out and participated.

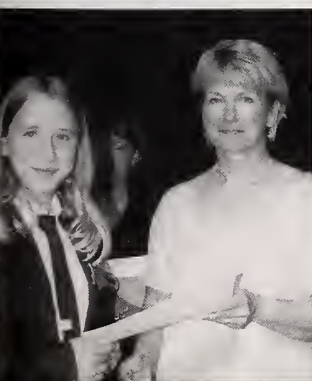
The Sports program featured strongly in the Middle School. Its success was evident in our recent sports assembly. I want to extend my thanks to the dedication of the coaches.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff for making this a wonderful year. I look forward to next year and what adventures await us in the Middle School!



Mrs. Bates

Senior School Vice-Principal



The school year 2002-2003 has been a challenging and rewarding one for "school life." The first challenge was the unification of the last OAC and first Grade 12 graduating class into a cohesive group that would provide leadership to a large and diverse student population. Fortunately, students and staff had elected a great group of Prefects to help undertake this task. And because there were so many "unelected leaders" within the grad class, there was no lack of worthy projects and proposals coming forward, on an almost daily basis, to keep the school energized with charity awareness and fund-raising, spirit events, conferences and trips. I would like to share just a few of the many highlights of this year.

On September 12, all eighty-some members of the double cohort boarded buses for Strathmere where they spent the day learning about leadership under the guidance of a professional consulting group. Divided into five groups, the girls rotated through fun activities that challenged each of them to think "outside the box" about action-planning, creative problem-solving, decision-making, and evaluation. Each participant was able to come away from the day with a vision of how she could make contributions to the life of the school in the coming year. Some examples of how this translated into action include the following initiatives: two IB diploma candidates produced and directed a play that was open to all students by audition and which was enormously entertaining and very polished; a student educated the school about AIDS in Africa and raised funds to support that cause; another student presented information on Juvenile Diabetes and raised funds through "Sneaker Day," a student council representative organized an original Elmwood Oscar night, complete with powerpoint support, "...and the winner is..." envelopes, gold-sprayed Barbie doll Oscars and lots

of glitz and glamour; and a small group of artistic students formed an anime club. This is but a small sampling of some of the many activities undertaken by Elmwood leaders.

Of course, all the traditional events led by Prefects and supported, not only by their classmates, but by upcoming leaders in younger grades, flourished as well: Grade 9 Orientation, Sports and Spirit Days, assemblies, House Days and fund-raisers. Our Prefect-at-Large, Julia Doran, believing that Elmwood would benefit by having a Student Council, followed through on that vision and Student Council is now part of Elmwood school life. Thanks for your dedication and commitment, Julia! Julia was also part of Elmwood's now legendary annual theatre production. This year the powerful play, *Gut Girls*, under the capable direction of Mrs. Boychuk, captured our imaginations in February. International Night, the orchestra, choir and art clubs all provided showcases for student talent as well. Several girls from Grade 9 to 12, who were interested in leading the school through service, participated in Peer Helper training sessions and then organized a half-day Grade 9 leadership conference in the school, complete with a guest speaker and breakout workshops, prepared by G?I?R?L?S (Giving Individuals Respect, Love and Support). Five members attended a Peer Helper leadership conference at the Ontario Educational Leadership Centre near Orillia. With our newly decorated office, sponsored by the Parents and Friends Association, G?I?R?L?S is ready to rock in the fall!

Many conferences were attended by Elmwood girls, including the Model United Nations, the Student Commonwealth Forum, Classics Conference and the Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving. Our Overseas Community Service trip, organized by Head Girl, Dorothy Binkley, and Canada World Youth, traveled to Costa Rica this year with ten students and two teachers who experienced this opportunity of a lifetime! Many thanks to Dorothy and Co-Head, Katie Houghton, for all your energy, enthusiasm and support throughout this year!

No summary of school life can be complete without a sports report. Sports in the senior school were hugely successful this year, both in terms of numbers of stu-

dents involved, and the results. Elmwood girls worked out in the fitness room, golfed, swam, rowed, ran, skied, fenced, played tennis, basketball, hockey, volleyball, water polo, badminton, soccer, rugby and practised yoga! For the first time, our senior basketball and volleyball teams went to the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations championships (OFSAA), placing sixth in basketball, and winning Bronze medals in volleyball. Our Sports Captains, Aly Mann, and Jessica Hardinge, did an outstanding job working with Mrs. Neale to see that extra-curricular sports at Elmwood were alive and well all year.

It has been a truly amazing year with the support of a superb staff, a dedicated administration team and an extraordinarily talented student population. My hat's off to all of you and to the parents who have chosen to provide the opportunity of an Elmwood education to their daughters. I look forward to working within the Elmwood family again next year.



Mrs. McGregor, Mr. McCabe, Mrs. Faguy, Ms. Rossiter



Director and Senior School Coordinators

left to right:

Mr. McCabe, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Faguy, Ms. Rossiter.

After a year's absence, Mrs. McGregor returns to Elmwood and to the exciting challenges presented by the double cohort. This has been the first year of complete implementation of the new four-year Ontario curriculum as well as the final year of the old OAC curriculum. Mrs. McGregor has provided the necessary wisdom and direction to ensure that each of our 89 graduates will achieve success and be on their way to new experiences.

Assisting Mrs. McGregor are the three Senior School Coordinators: Mr. McCabe (Academics), Ms. Rossiter (Technology), and Mrs. Faguy (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme). With Mr. Lamb, the IB Middle Year Coordinator, they happily share an office on the second floor crammed with filing cabinets, Samara and Humanities Department overflow, technology paraphernalia, and English department and IB materials.

Mrs. McGregor and the Coordinators have an open door policy. Students, their teachers, and their parents are always welcome to drop by their offices to discuss academic issues or simply to visit.

Senior School Department Heads



back row left to right: Mr. Grenier, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Neale, Miss Seiers, Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Begin, Ms. Rossiter, Mr. McCabe.

front row left to right: Mrs. Suthren, Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Faguy, Mrs. McGregor.



Back row left to right:
 Mrs. Dennys, Mrs. Blagg, Mrs. Wiley, Ms. Wright, Mr. Adams,
 Mrs. Prince-McCaffrey, Ms. Farrell, Mrs. Blackadar, Mrs. Low,
 Ms. Gavan .
 Front row left to right:
 Ms. Rowswell, Mrs. Hofmann, Ms. Ostiguy, Mrs. Huggins,
 Ms. MacLeod, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Edgecombe, Mrs. Couture-Luk,
 Mr. Kelly, Mrs. Schmidt.



Junior School





back row-left to right:
 Ms. Blagg, Ms. Wright , Mrs. Wiley, Mr. Adams, Mrs. McCaffrey,
 Mrs. Farrell , Mrs. Low, Mrs. Blackadar.
 front row-left to right:
 Mrs. Hofmann, Ms. MacLeod, Mrs. Huggins, Mrs. Couture-Luk.



Primary Division





Back row- left to right:
 Mrs. Blackadar, Ms. Ostiguy, Mrs. Low, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Huggins.
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 Mrs. Johnson.



Junior Division





Technology

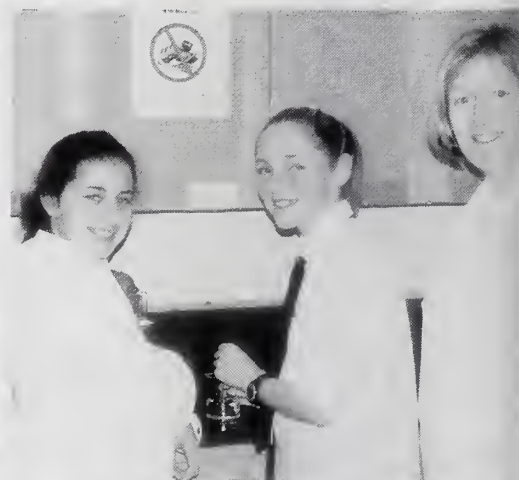
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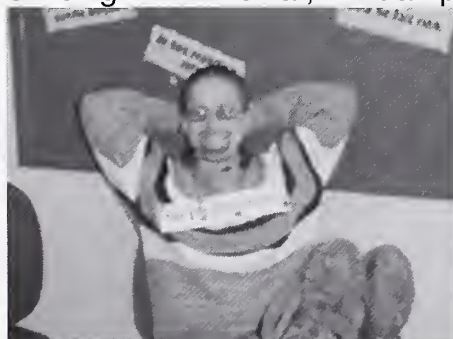
Ms. Bradley, Mrs. Clubine, Mrs. McGregor, Ms. Lamb.

Technology.



Technological Support

left to right: Mr. Molnar, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dube.





Mathematics

back row- left to right: Mr. Elliott, Ms. Brown, Ms. Dabee, Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Szymanski, Mr. Lamb.

front row- left to right:

Ms. Lamb, Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Stewart, Mrs. Boyd



Math & Science Departments



Science

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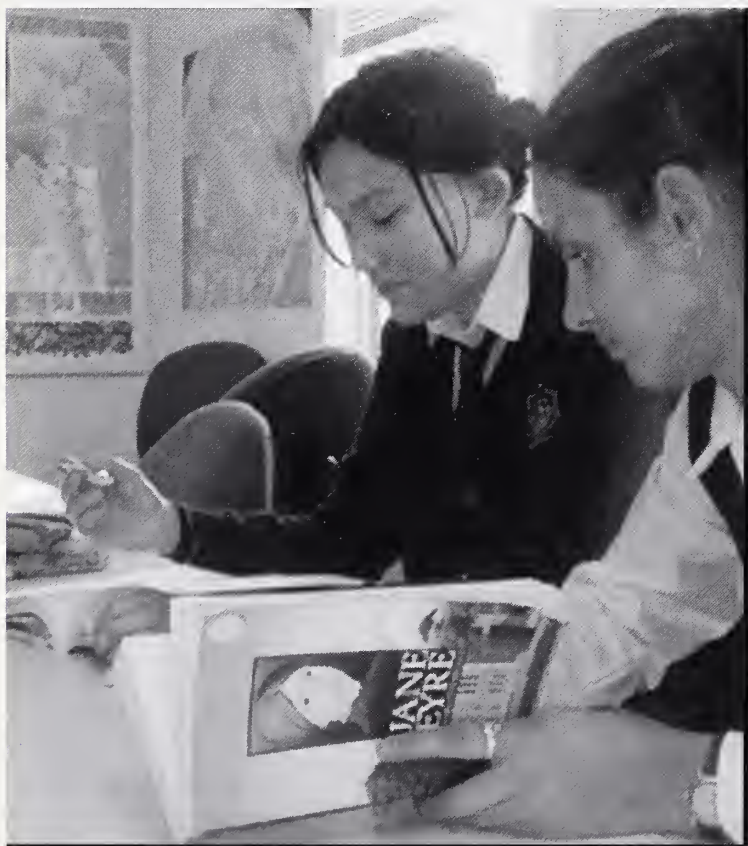
Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Mahin, Ms. Caravan, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Kerluke.





English

back row-left to right: Ms. Ellison, Mrs. Faguy, Mrs. Boychuck, Mrs. Angell, Mrs. Dorcas, Miss Tweedie.
front row-left to right:
Ms. Loenhart, Ms. Bradley, Ms. Holt, Ms. Potter-Mal, Ms. Gallagher, Dr. George.



Humanities





History, Histoire, Geography, Geographie, Law, Economics, Civics, and Challenge and Change

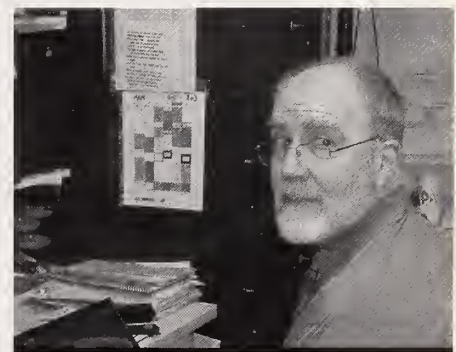
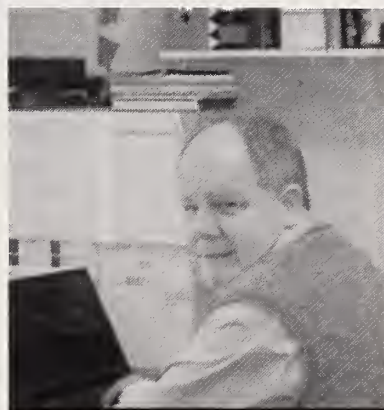
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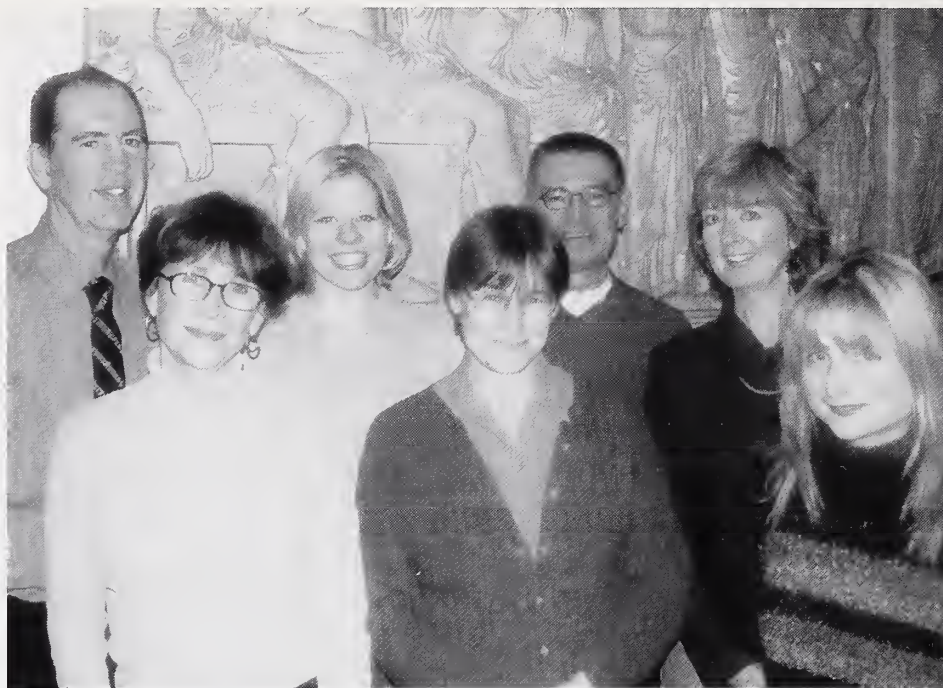
Middle row- left to right: Ms. Gallagher, Mr. McCabe, Ms. Ellison, Miss Tweedie, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Main.

Front row- left to right: Mrs. Depooter, Ms. Bradley, Miss Christmas, Mr. Yates



Department





Art, Music and Drama

back row-left to right:

Mr. Rudisuela, Mrs. Holt, Mr. Palmi, Mrs. Boychuck.

front row-left to right:

Ms. Bowers, Mrs. McCabe, Ms. Doig.



Arts & Languages Departments



Modern Languages back row- left to right: Mrs. Coates, Mlle. Eaman, Miss Christmas.

middle row-left to right: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Low, Ms. Gavan.

front row-left to right: Mr. Grenier, Mrs. Millington, Mrs. Couture-Luk, Ms. McCurdy, Mrs. Sabourin-Caron, Ms. Ellison.

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Physical Education

left to right: Mrs. Depooter, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Dorcas, Miss Weedie.

Phys. Ed. & Student Services



Student Services

left to right:

Ms. Bates, Mrs. Suthren, Mrs. Marchand, Miss Seirs, Mrs. Carver



Administrative Staff

back row-left to right:

Mrs. Dennys, Mrs. Dancause, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Addie.

front row-left to right:

Ms. Rowswell, Miss Roick, Ms. Kennis, Mrs. Hopkins.



Advancement Office

left to right:

Ms. Gibson, Mrs. Rand, Miss Wallace



Admissions

left to right: Mrs. Szymanski, Mrs. Dennys, Mrs. Mayes



Building Staff

left to right: Mr. Whitwill, Mr. Haywood, Mr. MacHardy,
Mr. Tuinstra, Mr. Kelly.

Library and Support Services



Library Services

left to right: Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Begin.



Food Services

left to right: Ms. Baker, Friend, Mr. Adriano, Ms. Peteny.



Reaching out a helping hand

Student Life

Student Council



back row: left-right: Heather Hull, Julie Pickering, Brittany Hughes, Katie Bullis, Karyle Wong, Courtney Smith, Allie Mierins, Sarah Quinn, Sarah McDonald, Dena El sayed, Jessica Harris, Sophie Chiasson,
middle row: left-right: Aleana Young, Shalta Dicaire, Ms. Bates, Jessica Mooney, Julia Doran, Emily Rowland, Anais Kadian, Cabrey Grey, Luise Birgelen, Mrs. Szymanski.
front row: left-right: Crystal Sun, Jessica White, Jessica Thornton, Angela Skaff, Nazik Amdiss, Liz Agbi, Lauren Pratapas.

This fall marked yet another Elmwood first with the creation of the Student Council. Student Council representatives were elected within homerooms to ensure that every student had a voice within the school. The meetings, which were held once a cycle, were an opportunity for girls throughout the high school to get together and discuss problems that may have arisen and events they might want to organize. This dynamic group of 29 girls ran this year's candy cane campaign, collaborated with Wilson House to organize the Coffee House, helped Fry sell and deliver its candygrams, and- here it comes again- planned and ran Elmwood's first ever Oscar night. It has been a great year...Hopefully next year will be even more successful!

Co-chair/founder: Julia Doran

Secretary: Anais Kadian

Head of Presentation and Assemblies: Katie Bullis-Elliott

Head of Special Events: Heather Hull

Head of Oscar Night: Liz Agbi

Co-chair: Jessica Mooney

Treasurer: Lauren Pratapas

Head of Newspaper: Marielle McGovern

Head of Coffee House: Aleana Young

Teacher Representatives: Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Szymanski

Middle School Council



back row: left-right: Ms. Milligan, Emma Duret, Christine McLellan, Amanda Meadows, Liz Connolly, Christiane McGovern, Larissa Zajac, Dalia Shabib.
front row: left-right: Taylor Reid, Rebecca Glover, Jane Reisman, Alexandra Fottinger, Alexandra DeForge, Sarah Black.

This year, the middle school council has organized many activities and participated in several fundraising events. The enthusiasm with which these tasks were performed was extraordinary. Several outstanding activities that taught the prefects about the community while giving them a chance to learn more about themselves were: Fundraising for York Street School, providing Christmas to an under-privileged Ottawa family and organizing and running the middle school dances.

Hosting a bake sale to raise money for York Street School was quite fun because the money was going to a part of the school that we sympathized with and fully appreciated – the sports program.

A few days after school was let out for winter break, the prefects were back at Elmwood getting ready for an early Christmas outing. We bought presents and dinner for a family.

Dances are fun to attend, but no one realizes all the planning that goes into them. Thanks to the OACs who helped put up decorations and managed the chaos of over 100 middle school students.

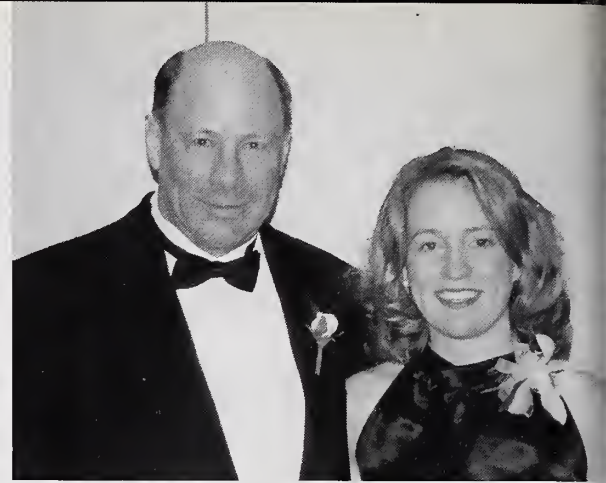
Other people who deserve recognition are the teachers who accompanied the Christmas shopping and all the people who chaperoned the middle school dances. We would also like to thank the senior school prefect for middle school, Dalia Shabib. Of course the most important person in organizing all the events and making sure everything runs smoothly was Ms. Milligan. Good luck next year!

Rebecca Glover, Senior Prefect

Jessica Harris

House Head at Large

Jessica was asked to step in to help with the double cohort. She performed her duties with enthusiasm, patience and humour. It was an honour to work with this group.



Julia Doran

Prefect at Large

I was at first overwhelmed by the responsibility of the role as Prefect at Large—I had witnessed the amount of time and energy the previous year's Prefects had spent organizing and leading Elmwood's school life! But I quickly learned to appreciate how versatile a role it is. This year I was able to create my own opportunities for leadership as well as take part in the traditional ones. The initiation of a student council and a school newspaper were two projects which I felt strongly about; and with the support of the school, they have been materialized. The creation of the Student Council was of interest to me because it led to more leadership opportunities within the school. In particular though, I am pleased with the results because it has drawn together so many leaders from throughout the senior school. I feel that a sense of unity and school spirit is one of the most important qualities within school life, I only hope that it continues to grow in the years to come. To next year's leaders.... Find joy in everything you do, and always take advantage of what is made available to you. Good luck, but most importantly have fun!

-Julia Doran



Dalia Shabib

Middle School Prefect

This has been an exciting year, filled with event after event. Throughout the year there have been two dances, a grade 6 Halloween party, an Oscar Night, civvies day after civvies day, a dozen bake sales, and finally to sum the year up the Grade 8 Bash.

Among the all the charities to which the Middle School contributed, the grade eight prefects raised money in order to allow a less fortunate family to enjoy the luxuries we each take for granted each day. They then personally delivered gifts to them, during the Christmas season. There was also a continuous effort to support York Street School, and IRFAN Canada.

The year has been truly eventful, and would not have been possible without the teachers that helped with the dances and the students that took the time to volunteer for the numerous events. I would like to especially thank Ms. Potter-Mal, and Ms. Doig. Their efforts with the Oscar Night made it all possible. It could not have possibly run as smoothly (smooth being relative) if it did without their constant help. Both helped with rehearsals and organization in the performances, and Ms. Doig presented the Middle School Prefect which beyond doubt enriched the night.

Ms. Milligan you have been a pleasure to work with. You have helped and encouraged all my ideas, and have been a friend to me in my times of need. Your enthusiasm and constant smile has made the job much easier. You have taught me to be a bigger person at times a lesson that I will carry through life. Thank you for your faith in me. It has been a pleasure! Thank you to every one involved, my parents, and God. Good luck to Chrissy, the Middle School Prefect next year. It might seem like a lot of work but it is all worth it.

- Dalia Shabib



Rebecca Willems

Junior School Prefect

Wow! What a year this has been! From the Halloween party to the fort-building contest, the juniors have never ceased to amaze me with their enthusiasm and spirit. This year has been made so much fun by everyone's eagerness to participate in all aspects of school life. It was a great pleasure planning and running all the activities that I had enjoyed so much when I was a junior. Thanks to all the kindergarteners for their great show of spirit in our sports days! And how could I forget my day with the grade fours at Upper Canada Village.

Not only was I visiting Canada's past, but mine as well, as I had participated in the trip when I was in grade four. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Schmidt, without whom this year would not have been such a success. Thank you to everyone, students and teachers alike, for making my last year at Elmwood the best it could be. Good luck in the future. I will miss you all next year.

Love, Rebecca



FRY

"Friendship for all."



Carina Shalaby
Head of Fry

First I would like to thank my family for helping me with every step of the way. Without them I would have had an extremely hard time. I would also like to thank my close friends for helping me with last minute finishes or with anything I decided to take on. Being the Head of Fry was an honour and a great pleasure. Thank you so much to those who gave me support in everything was unsure about doing because in the end it was great success. To the other House Heads, thank you for the competition and of course being great friends. Last but not least I would like to thank every single person in Fry! If it were not for your amazing spirit and willingness to help, I would not have been able to do it. To next year's Fry head M I know you'll do an amazing job. Good luck to next year's Prefects and to all!

Carina Shalaby



KELLER

"Fair play."



Nadia Potozcný
Head of Keller



KELLER ROCKS!!! It was a pleasure and my honour to act as the Head of Keller House for the 2003 school year! This year's **Dog Day** went extremely well as we were able to raise over \$600 for our charity, Guide Dogs For The Blind! I would like to thank everyone in my graduating class for their support and help throughout the year! I would also like to take this time to thank the other House Heads as together we all did an amazing job of lifting the spirit of the School throughout the year! I would also like to extend a special thanks to Jess Harris who helped me a great deal! I am really lucky to have been the Head of such a wonderful group of girls! You have so much spirit in you - keep cheering for all your years with Keller! Continued good luck to Keller House and your new leader for 2003 - 2004...

Nadia Potozcný



NIGHTINGALE

"Not for ourselves alone."



Nadia Bryden
Head of Nightingale

GO NIGHTINGALE!! We had lots of great times this year. We met our challenges and showed off an impressive amount of spirit. You guys put your all into every meet – your enthusiasm will guarantee success, so continue to participate and put 110% into everything you do! Thanks to my volunteers and sidekicks this year, you know who you are. You helped to get the events off the ground and organized, not to mention providing fantastic leadership for the younger kids. These 6-years worth of memories will keep me going... one thing is for sure: I will never forget our cheers and how much fun we had. Keep It Shut Day was a triumph, and I have your everlasting support to thank for that. "Canine Demine" is a good cause, but whatever direction our charity events and donations follow in the future, never forget our motto: *Not for Ourselves Alone!!* You have all represented this well, and you should be proud of yourselves. I have so much faith in you all to keep Elmwood's #1 House (no matter what the House Cup says ;) going strong! Keep up the good work everyone – good luck to next year's House Leader, Julie Pickering (not that you'll need it). I love you all. Never stop smiling.

Nadia Bryden



WILSON

"To give ourselves and never count the cost of others greater needs."



Elodie Button
Head of Wilson

I SAID, BRRRR- IT'S COLD IN HERE- THERE MUST BE SOME WILSON IN THE ATMOSPHERE!!! Go Wilson!!! We've had an amazing time this year, with our great spirit and participation in every event! Everyone had a great time at sports afternoons, and enjoyed the great cakes on House Days. I was really impressed with all the yellow I saw, and I hope you all keep it up next year. This year, I decided to try something new to fundraise for Wilson's House Charity, Interval House. Interval House is a shelter in Ottawa for battered women and their children, and also has a 24-hour crisis hotline. Previously, we have raised money through candy cane sales, but this year we had a Coffeehouse and LemonadeHouse and raised over \$760.00. The Coffeehouse included 14 incredible musical acts, lots of acoustic guitar, all sorts of treats and coffee provided by MocaLoca. Thank you so much to Lisa Cohen, Student Council, and all the performers: without you, the night would not have been such an amazing success. Thanks to Dor, Joanna, Kyla and Mrs. Schmidt for all your help at the Junior School LemonadeHouse. I would like to thank everyone that came out to Coffeehouse, and thank the school for having enough faith in me to allow it to occur. It was an incredible night that would not have been possible without all of your help. Thank you Dor, Janet, Aly, Dalia, Amy and Brit for all your help, support and friendship throughout the years. Thank you to the administration, the custodians and the teachers, for having made my four years here so memorable. Thank you to my parents for all the sacrifices you have made so that I could experience all the amazing things Elmwood has had to offer. To next year's Head of Wilson, I know you will do a wonderful job and keep the yellow spirit alive. **WE ARE FROM WILSON AND WE ARE THE BEST!!!**

Love, Elodie



Stratford

Festival Trip



In the last week of August, before school started, a busload of senior students made their annual trek to the Stratford Festival. About 40 students were accompanied by four teachers: Gretta Bradley, Angela Boychuk, Jennifer Faguy, and Anita George. This year's trip was special: it was Stratford's 50th Anniversary. What made the trip extra-special is that one of our number, Mrs. Faguy, was present at the very first Stratford Festival 50 years ago (she was, of course, too young to understand the plays at the time). Despite having informed Richard Monette, the Festival's Artistic Director, of the fact, we were not met with a brass band celebrating Mrs. Faguy's anniversary. Never mind; we had a terrific time, regardless. On the early morning bus ride to Stratford, our expert fashion commentator Dr. George and supermodel Gretta Bradley displayed the "very attractive" alternate Elmwood uniform for students who are inappropriately dressed. It included a toga borrowed from Miss Ellison, a blazer belonging to a grade 8 student, and the ubiquitous Elmwood tie. Needless to say, all students were appropriately dressed! Mrs. Boychuk prepared the students for *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by leading them through a recitation of the famed passage: "We seek him here, we seek him there. Those Frenchies seek him everywhere. Is he in heaven or is he in hell, that damned, elusive Pimpernel!" In addition to the rousing production of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, we saw *King Lear*, *Richard the Third*, *The Threepenny Opera*, *My Fair Lady*, a new play called *Walk Right Up*, and Timothy Findley's last play *Shadows*. During *Shadows*, Fiona Stewart was selected by the star Brent Carver for some audience participation. She gave a stellar performance!

Choosing a favorite play was difficult: many students liked all of them. Even so, *My Fair Lady* was a standout, and *Richard the Third* a surprise favorite for one group of students.

In addition to the fabulous plays, we enjoyed a workshop on British dialects and dance. Two of the actors from *My Fair Lady* taught us to speak like Ladies and...Ladies, and Cockney flowergirls. We also learned the dance steps to accompany "With a Little Bit O'Luck." In a second workshop, students met with the Stage Manager of *King Lear* and Sarah McVie, one of Mrs. Boychuk's former drama students. Under Mrs. Boychuk's tutelage, Sarah has gone from the Queen of Hearts to Cordelia in *Lear*. She was an inspiration to the current crop of drama students in attendance. We left Stratford tired and happy. On the bus home, Mrs. Faguy held her Annual Stratford Quiz: for grade 11, Rhiannon Derbyshire won and Katie Crysdale came in second place; for grade 12, Stephanie Kerrigan won; and for OAC Dorothy Binkley won, and Brittany Hughes came in second. A sampling of student comments on the trip are:

"Excellent end to our summer holidays!", "Impressive talent, beautiful sets and costumes, great food, location and company. Bravo!",

"I had a GREAT time!", "It was a fun trip. Well organized. I wouldn't change a thing"

"Great trip! I hope I can come back next year!"

"I enjoyed the variety of plays"

"Good choice of plays"

"I enjoyed all of the plays very much. It is hard to list them in order."

A graduating student laments "I'm going to miss this wonderful experience next year!"



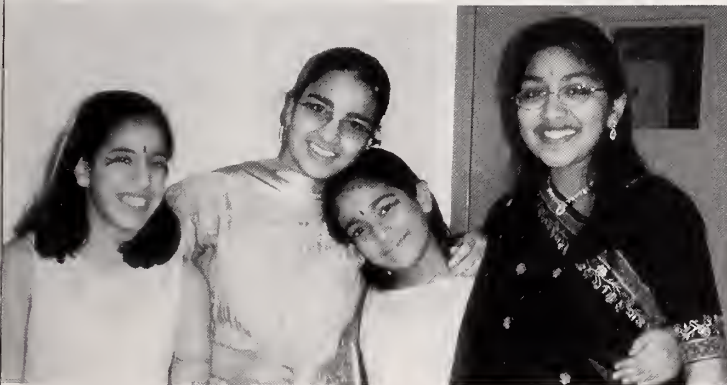
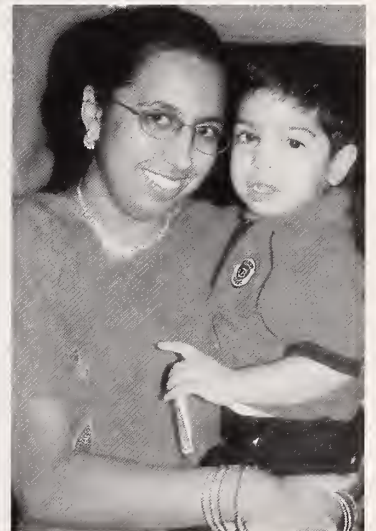
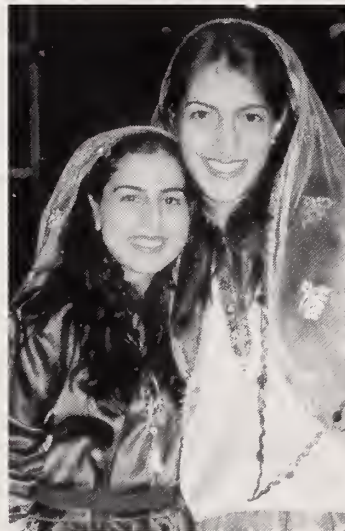
International Night

International Night 2002 was outstanding for several reasons. The evening of international entertainment was managed and directed by Habibat Aziz Garuba, assisted by Joanna Rozanski. Habibat gathered together a fine group of students to manage the stage, sound, and lighting. The toughest job of the evening, cuing up the performers, was done with patience and understanding by Jessica Loeb.

As always, International Night is for the students and organized by the students. Habibat's determination and innovation were evident throughout the night. Joanna's warmth and spontaneity added to the congeniality of the entire evening. It was standing room only by the time the performances began! Entertainment reflected the wide international backgrounds of the student body. Selina's skill at Diablo was mixed in with beautiful Indian dancing. Piano followed violin and Stanley and Kerson ended the evening with cello and violin duets. "Wimowhe Whimowhe" was sung by Vanessa Morgan-Mziray with conviction.

Students' families provided a banquet of international delicacies in the dining room. This year there was even a crepe stand manned by Laurence Mouttam and Manon Vallenberger both of whom produced tasty crepes for a hungry and appreciative audience.

Habibat's skillful planning meant Elmwood broke all previous records for money raised to support "Child Haven".



Junior School

Meet the Teacher BBQ



Grade 9

Orientation



Grade 10 Trip

Quebec City

On November 4th, this year's grade ten students went to Quebec City to learn about the French language and history of this magnificent city. We boarded the bus at noon and left the school, bound for the Montreal Eldorado. There we spent a little less than four hours checking out all the neat animals and visiting the boutique. We then re-boarded the bus, and headed for our hotel in the famous Quebec City.

The next day was just as busy as the previous. We had a delicious breakfast at Chez Cora, a not-so-successful but still quite fun trip to Montmorency Falls (there was a huge snowstorm that prevented us from seeing very much), a lovely visit to the beautiful St-Anne de Beaupré Basilica, a short visit to Mont St-Anne, tours of both the wood sculpture and bee museums, dinner, and the exciting 3D show "Quebec Experience".

Unfortunately, time flew by and it was already time for us to leave. However we did manage to fit in an enjoyable breakfast at "le Parlementaire" and a visit to the National Assembly.

The grade ten students would like to thank Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Neale, Mrs. Spoopter, Mrs. Caravan, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Grenier for a wonderful trip of Quebec City. We had a great time!



Grade 9

Wonderland



Camp Woolsey

What better way to relate a school trip than through the eyes of the ones that made it work ! Here are some thoughts from the WOOLSEY TRIP 2002 from the ones who made it such a roaring success !

"If you want warm weather, beaches and strawberry daiquiris with little paper umbrellas in them, then go to Hawaii. If you want rain, a crazy amount of trees and mud and the best instant hot chocolate around, then go to Camp Woolsey." Aja

"Time flies when you're having fun – especially when you are doing geography" Madie

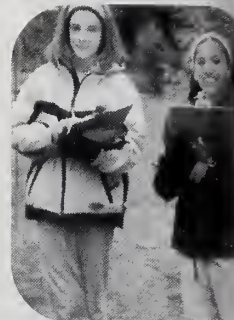
"Camp Woolsey = camping, marshmallows by the fire and the coolest classroom on earth!" Leah

"Woolsey combined learning, fun and fresh air." Madeleine

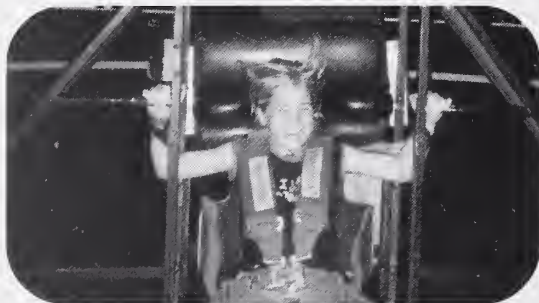
"We learned more in the outdoors than we could in double the time in the classroom." Erica

"Woolsey has been an experience we will never forget. It made us realize how lucky we are in civilization." Louise

We as a staff are looking forward to another great trip in the fall of 2003.



Space Camp



The Grade 7 classes left for Space Camp on the 8th of October. The Space Camp was situated in Laval, Quebec, just outside of Montreal.

As we entered the building, most of us stopped in awe. The building was made to resemble an actual space training camp. The pre-teens trundled off to the dining hall to grab a quick bite to eat before heading to our living quarters.

We were then divided into groups Armstrong, Glenn and a few more. I was in the Armstrong group, so I will tell you about our experience. Our instructor was Chuck. We went into the simulation room, we got to go into these big chair things which were sort of like an astronaut suit. You used a video game stick to move around and we had mini-missions to carry out. It was cool. We then got to "walk on the moon". One by one we were strapped onto a chair with a bungee cord and then bounced around. The next day, we did "The Wall of Weightlessness". That's where you're strapped into a chair, hanging in front of a wall with knobs on it. On the other side of the wall, there's a huge container of water that fills up differently so you're practically weightless. This was amazing. The best simulation for me is the triple axle. They spin it really fast. It's superb! But if you stay on for more than 5 minutes, your braincells start popping!

We made bridges to test how much they can hold and tried to make "shuttles" for eggs to see if they would break when we dropped them.

We then did the best part of all... the mission! The members of the Armstrong group got different jobs; some in the tower, others in the shuttle. We each read our lines while pressing certain buttons and talking to each other over headphones. When an alarm went on. We had to figure out the problem to shut it off. Whoever found out what it was first got to read the lines to the shuttle so they could fix it. All in all, that was the best!

And then came the sad part... we had to go home. After all that fun and excitement who wants to leave?

Forrest Hartman

Macskimming



On a dark and rainy October morning, 38 Grade 6 students and their teachers packed a bus full of sleeping bags, raingear and marshmallows and headed off into the bush for two days... destination... MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre. Upon arrival, we carried/dragged our gear into our respective cabins... no bears in sight! The two days passed extremely quickly, filled with team-building activities, navigation exercises and a really cool ropes course. The food was amazing, thanks to the culinary talents of the grade 6 homeroom teachers...NOT! (We do however make a mean s'more...). Ghost stories, gimp and gr-r-r-eat gab sessions filled our night. We would like to give a huge thank you to Ms. Doig and Mrs. Clubine for braving the outdoors with us. We're eagerly looking forward to our return to MacSkimming when the snow flies in February!

Ms. Gallagher
Ms. Tweedie
Grade 6 Teachers

Getting To Know You Day



Upper Canada Village

The Grade Four Class went to Upper Canada Village. I was a boy. I got to go to the Tinsmith and Charlotte, Heather and I got to make tin candle holders. We also got to learn how they danced in the 1800's. We went to the Blacksmith, school, and cut wood. Every morning, we had to do chores. Some of the chores we did were to milk the cows by hand, feed the pigs, and shoo the geese out of their pens. After every meal, we had to wash our dishes by hand. I hope you enjoyed reading our visit to Upper Canada Village.

Irene Wight



Fort Wellington



On September 25th, our Grade 3 class went to Fort Wellington. We learned about what soldiers eat and how much they work. We pretended to be soldiers. We did a lot of drills. We did right face, left face, and the wheel. After that we went inside and saw what the children did on a daily basis. Believe it or not but the children played marbles and went to school. Families only took a bath once a month. Did you know that soldiers thought sweat was protective? During the day the women washed clothes the children usually helped the ladies wash the clothes and their hands turned red and sore. When a soldier disobeyed the rules of the book, he would have to do latrine duty for six months or canon ball duty for one to two nights. If you were guarding Fort Wellington you would have huts if it was raining or snowing. About two people would fit in each hut. We had a great time at Fort Wellington. We decided to interview some of our classmates. The question was, "What was your favorite part of our class visit to Fort Wellington?" Margot answered, "My favorite part of Fort Wellington was pretending to be soldiers attacking the enemy." Emma D. responded, "My favorite part of Fort Wellington was seeing all the neat buildings." We would like to thank

Mrs. G and Mr. Adams for taking us to Fort Wellington.
Stephanie Black and Sophie Bérubé.

Apple Orchard



On September 27, 2002, we went to an Apple Orchard in Orleans. My favorite part was when we went on a tractor because it was fabulous. I learned about different kinds of apples. I had a great time! - Bradley Nesrallah

On September 27, 2002, we went to an Apple Orchard in Orleans. My favorite part was drinking apple cider because it was good. I loved it! - Amelia Palumbo

On September 27, 2002, we went to an Apple Orchard in Orleans. We went on a tractor ride. It was fantastic! - Emily Groper

On September 27, 2002, we went to an Apple Orchard in Orleans. My favorite part was when we drank some apple cider because it was tasty. We learned about the life cycle of an apple tree. It was a blast! - Trevor Haebe

Saunder's Farm

The Junior and Senior Kindergarten classes went on their first field trip on Friday, October 18. Saunders Farm offered more than just pumpkins!

The children began their adventure in the Discovery Barn. They learned why scarecrows are needed in the fields through an entertainment puppet show. A hayride revealed the pumpkin patch as well as a few scary sights. The final activity had the children amazed as they were led through live labyrinths.

Each class received a pumpkin which became wonderful jack-o-lanterns back at school!



Halloween



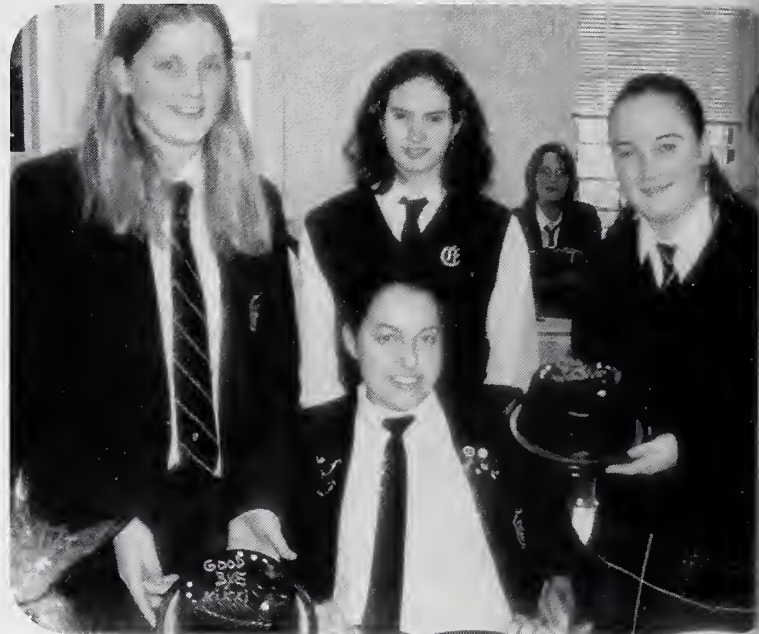
Spirit Days



New Zealand

In the fall of 2002, I was given the wonderful privilege of participating in an exchange between Elmwood and Otago Girls' High School in Dunedin, New Zealand. During the months of August and September I visited New Zealand, where I attended the school, and had many opportunities to meet new friends and explore the country and its culture. I remained with two different host families, those of Ashleigh Taylor and Nikki Waller, both students who returned to visit Elmwood in December and January. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about the native Maori culture, and living on one of the country's many sheep farms during lambing season. I am grateful to have had this experience and encourage anyone to visit this beautiful country. Thank you to Mme. Millington, Mrs. Boomer, and all of my friends in New Zealand who made this a wonderful exchange.

Morgen Smith



German Exchange

This October, Elmwood had the wonderful opportunity to host approximately 16 students from Luneburg, Germany, for two weeks. The students stayed with mostly senior school students and had a truly Canadian experience. The students had a chance to see the Museum of Civilization, the Parliament Buildings, the Governor General's residence, and they also got to go hiking in the Gatineau hills. They got to fully experience the nation's capital. The exchange students and their partners all got a chance to go to Montreal for the day. We walked around the old city, we toured some churches and we got to go to the Biodome. A special treat for the exchange students, was getting to see and feel the real Canadian "rustic wilderness". We got to spend the evening at Ali Duret's cottage during one of the weekends of their stay. At the cottage the students got to go rowing in the boats, swimming in the frigid Canadian waters, had a barbeque and got to roast marshmallows, which is quite uncommon in Germany. The exchange students were lucky enough to stay with us for at least part of the Thanksgiving weekend. I know for Lars, my exchange student, it was a learning experience. He got to try all sorts of new things and foods, such as real Nova Scotian Lobster. It was a wonderful experience for all of us and hopefully we will all maintain contact with our exchange students and get a chance to visit them in Germany sometime in the future. Nicki Lightstone

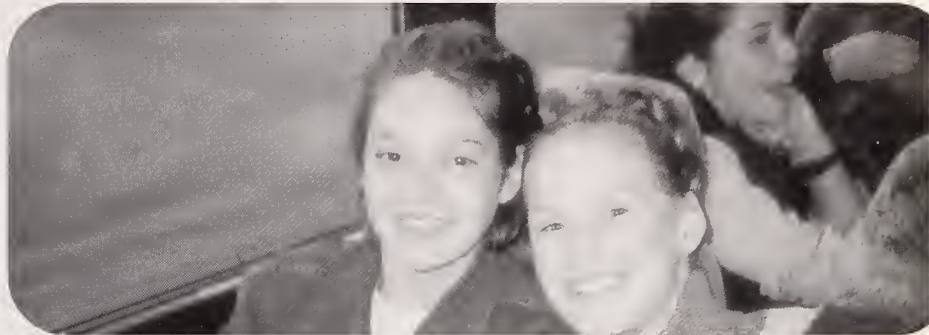
96 Student Life



Exchanges



Amara Wilson hosted Aurore Loisel and Bassant Elstar hosted Jean Chaumont.



Sandra van derJagt hosted Roosje Van Oss.



The Rotary Club hosted Manon Wallenberger during her stay at Elmwood.

Costa Rica



With spirit, sunscreen and a desire to spend March Break seeing the world from another angle, 12 students and 2 teachers embarked on an adventure to Costa Rica. Working as volunteers for Canada World Youth, the group spent the first three days of the trip bonding at the Quinta Villa Maria Orientation Camp in Athenas. San Rafael de Paquera, a remote community on the Nicoya peninsula, became our host during a memorable nine day crash course in Costa Rican culture. We awoke at 5am our first morning in San Rafael to the sound of roosters and from this point life moved at a different pace than the rest of the world. Our nine days were filled with rewarding labour at La Ceiba, an eco-tourism/camping area owned by the patriarch of San Rafael, Don Humberto. Two bridges were built (oh the big adventure), trails were cleared and hundreds of rocks were moved (Zoolander style), as well as contributing to farm chores in the community, which included milking cows (Alex, be careful what you drink). We were also introduced to culinary wonder better known as beans and rice in Latin America and learnt a few salsa and merengue moves (though the locals put us to shame!). A trip to the Frog Pond (Jill - I ate 20!), zip lining through the canopy and walking the suspension bridges gave us a glimpse of the diversity of Costa Rica. Our last day was spent in San Jose, protesting the war and searching for deals and coffee in the market. After a dinner to remember, we packed our bags and said hasta luego to a country that had won our hearts and enriched our lives. Each one of us left Costa Rica feeling like we had made a difference and thirteen new friends. PURA VIDA! -Dorothy Binkley
Elmwood School 97

Greece Trip

During March Break, 43 adventurous Elmwoodians went to Greece. The twelve days were fabulous; we visited so many world-famous ruins where people, thousands of years before our time, have walked (Delphi, Crete, Olympia...). We also learned the mythology behind almost all of these places and saw that Greece was the centre of the Western Civilizations.

We also saw some neat rock formations and some ancient tombs. (The tombs were actually closed for maintenance, but they opened them up so we could see!).

We even saw part of Turkey – Ephesus. We were grateful to see Turkey before the war because it helped us to see what kind of lives they live and what *they* are going through.

We unfortunately didn't get to see the Acropolis (instead we spent the whole afternoon in a huge traffic jam, and when we finally got near to the Acropolis, it had closed for the night, which really sucked), but we still got to go shopping in Athens.

We had a long stopover in Amsterdam on our way home, so we got to hear all about the Netherlands and see the Van Gogh museum.

We even learned some Greek (kalmehra = good morning and eucaristw = thank-you)!

Thank you to the teachers and adults who accompanied us and made this trip possible and enjoyable. They were our parents for twelve days. Eva, our tour guide, and Don helped to make the experience so fulfilling. These memories will stay with us forever. We visited three countries in twelve days so it is hard not to have them!

Flash no!

Fiona, Katie, and Wei



NSCF

For the week of May 3rd to 9th four Elmwood girls [Caroline Hunt, Lauren MacLean, Alex Kirvan, and Sarah McDonald] attended the 31st annual National Student Commonwealth Forum. The conference was an amazing and life-changing experience for everyone involved. The main topic for this year's conference was **Water**. We were provided with the opportunity to debate on Parliament Hill in the Senate Chamber as well we participated in a mock Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

Lauren and Caroline represented the country of **Namibia** while Sarah and Alex represented the country of **Swaziland**. Highlights of the week included making AIDS angels and participating in a large scavenger hunt around downtown Ottawa. We had the chance to meet new and exciting people from all over Canada including delegates who traveled all the way from Iqaluit! We look forward to participating in the conference next year as members of the Planning Team.

Thanks to our families, our teachers, and everyone associated with the Forum for allowing us to take advantage of this rewarding experience. We certainly intend to continue our studies in the international field of diplomacy!

by Caroline Hunt



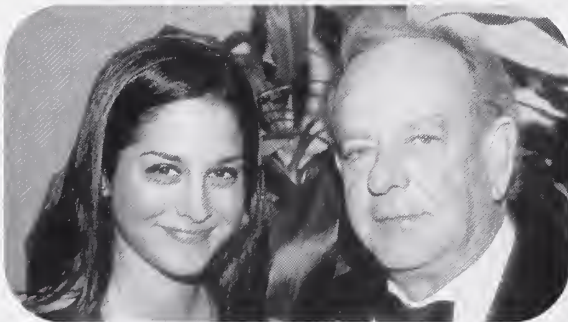
Model UN



From November 7 to 10, Mr. and Mrs. McCabe bravely accompanied 14 full IB students to the Secondary Schools Model United Nations Symposium, hosted by McGill University in Montreal. Arianne Buchan, Dena El-Sayed, Dorothy Binkley, Eleni Deacon, Elodie Button, Emily (Judge) Kent, Heather Hull, Jenny Dunbar, Julia Betts, Maggie Thomson, Nazia Charania, Nicola Burke, Sarah Russell, and Veronica Howard spent three days representing Burundi and Guyana in committees such as the World Health Organization, the African Union and the International Criminal Tribunal. Voicing the opinions of their country, they deliberated, wrote resolutions (or beersolutions), and mingled with politically minded students from across North and South America, enriching their general knowledge and debating (and pool!) skills. Many thanks to The McCabes for their patience (when we were late) and enthusiasm (when we finally showed up!), as well as to their son Tom for his tour of McGill.

Father Daughter Dance

Winter Fantasy



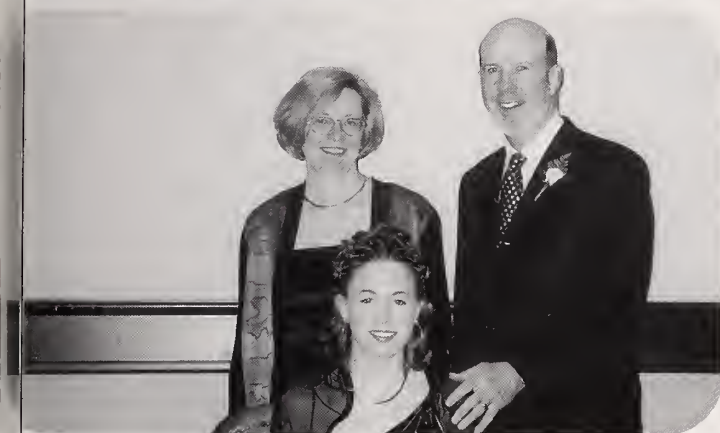
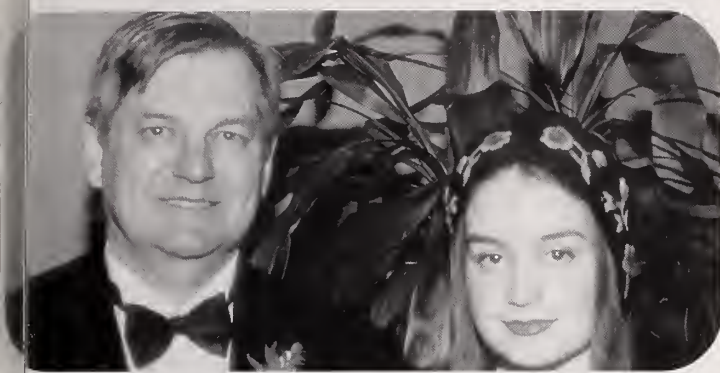
This year's Father Daughter Dance was a phenomenal success. It was held in the elegant Westin hotel, whose ballroom was the perfect setting for the "winter fantasy" theme.

The opportunity to dress in extravagant gowns and get one's hair and make-up done is not an easy offer to turn down, and for that reason there were more than 500 people present. The other highlights of the night were the food, the dancing and of course, the Dads.

At first, the daughters were shy about dancing with her fathers and their friends, but as the night progressed through the decades, ending on a slightly more recent note. The overall ambience was light, pleasing and thoroughly enjoyable.

The Father Daughter Dance gave everyone a chance to see her father in a different environment, and to enjoy the evening at the same time. There is no doubt that the fathers learned a lot about their children as well. No one would have given up the opportunity to enjoy this evening with their friends and dads as it was a truly magical soiree.

Rebecca Glover



The Gut Girls



In February – when *The Gut Girls* opened on stage at Elmwood – the student actors made an imaginative leap of considerable power into the past and took us, the audience, with them. How can such young, unmarked women have been so convincing in this difficult play, in these difficult roles? On the stage, no amount of technique – breath control, movement, dramatic expression – can substitute for authenticity of feeling, and the audience knows it. The production owed its success in part to fine performances by the leading actors – Julia Doran who played Lady Helena and Anne Murphy who played Ellen were outstanding. However, *The Gut Girls* is not about individuals; it is about a community of women, and it was rightly the strength of the ensemble that gave the play its fine quality. Most of the action of *The Gut Girls* occurs in the workplace – a slaughterhouse – where the dialogue takes the form of cheerful banter, with the conversational ball being tossed briskly back and forth. The cast did remarkably well with the assumed accents of working class Britain – no easy task. Even more importantly, however, they listened to each other, responded to each other, connected to each other and, thus, to the audience. For all its moments of brightness and gaiety – brilliantly evoked by gorgeous hats – this is a dark play, a play about defeat. Ellen is a heroic figure in that battle, the solitary warrior who has fought a good fight and lost. The feeling is restrained – like all deep feeling – and she marks her surrender and accepts the imprisoning necessity of domestic labor with only two words. “Service,” she says softly, bleakly. “Service,” she repeats. And I, perhaps like many in the audience, had tears in my eyes. - Janet Uren '68





One Act Play



This is a Test

Actors: Kyla Dowden, Anna Cameron, Willie Denault, Christine O'Connor, Talia Zajac, Samira Salari, Laura Doubleday, Marisha Tardif, Jaye Appotive, Jessica Wilson, Sandra van der Jagt. Directors: Heather Hull, Eleni Deacon. Asst. Directors: Talia Zajac, Mandy Wiwiczaruk, Brittany Gillen.

Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze Expedition



On October 3rd and 4th, 72 Grade 9 students traveled to Lac Philippe in Gatineau Park in order to complete the Bronze Level Duke of Ed. Expedition. The girls had the choice whether to mountain bike or hike for the two days. The mountain bikers experienced lots of great trails, hills and some technical rocky sections. The hikers carried all their gear while on the trails. It was too cold to swim, but it was lots of fun camping, cooking over propane stoves, and roasting marshmallows over the campfire. Congratulations to the girls for completing the expedition!



Duke of Edinburgh

Silver Expedition



From November 1st to 3rd, 30 grade 10 and 11 students traveled to Mount Washington in order to complete the expedition requirement for the Silver level of the Duke of Ed. program. Due to the cold weather and lots of snow already accumulated, we were unable to summit the mountain. However, we did hike some excellent trails such as the Imp Trail, Pine Mountain Trail, and the Madison Gulf Trail. There were some excellent views of the Presidential Range from the top of the Imp Trail. Due to blowing snow and high winds, Lowe's Bald Spot and the Pine Mountain Lookout did not give us much to see! We stayed in the Lodge at Pinkham Notch, while cooking outside. Sometimes, our meals had frozen over before being able to finish them! It was lots of fun, and quite a challenge for all of the girls.

Reaching out



Child Haven



Canada World Youth



Spit for Cancer



106 Student Life

York Street School



A.I.D.S in Africa



Christmas Toys and Dinner



Crohn's and Colitis Foundation



Vanier Sisters of Charity



Petition for Amina Lawal



Interval House



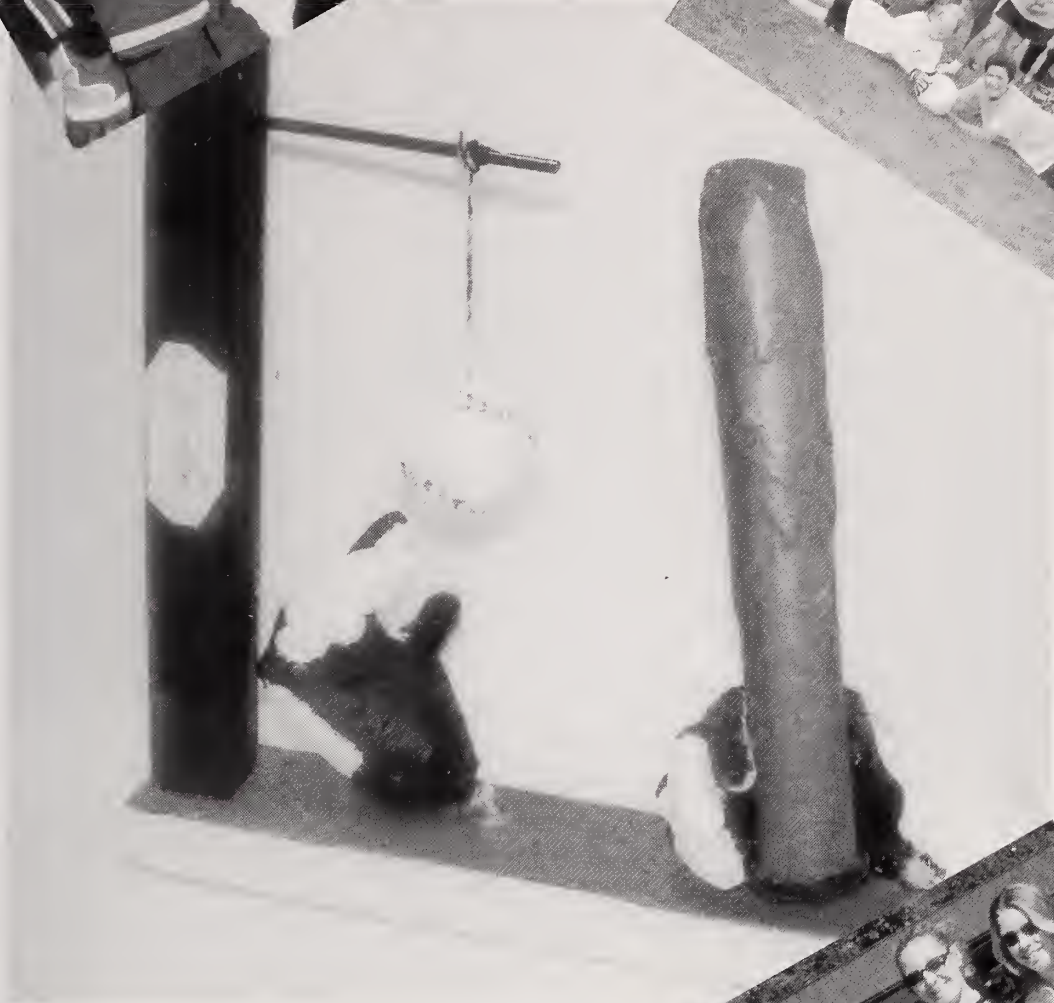
Juvenile Diabetes



Run for the Cure

Elmwood School 107





Sports

Reaching for our "goals"

Sports Captains

To the Athletes:

"Oh, the places you'll go. There's fun to be done! There are points to be scored, there are games to be won. And the magical things you can do with that ball, will make you the winning-est winner of all." - Dr. Seuss.

This has been an incredible year for athletics and it has been our honour to represent the athletes at Elmwood. With two Sports Captains, it was less stressful taking on new challenges. We had spirited Sports Days and it was wonderful to see the amount of team spirit and enthusiasm from all four Houses. Every year the students find new ways to wear as much colorful clothing as possible and it never ceases to amaze us. The House Heads have done a tremendous job this year, and this is evident with their high levels of excitement and enthusiasm in order to win the very prestigious House Cup. We would like to especially thank Mrs. Neale and her coaching staff. There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes of which the students are unaware. These dedicated teachers/coaches are organized, supportive, motivating and are the backbone of Elmwood's athletics. Thank you to the Prefects, who offered to help whenever they were needed. In the future, Elmwood's athletics will continue to flourish and we are grateful that we had this opportunity to contribute to the success of this year.

Alyson Mann and Jessica Hardinge



Tennis

Elmwood's 2002-2003 tennis team had a very successful season. Our results in the weekday matches allowed both our A and B teams to move on to the Ottawa City Championships, where we met up with the other top high school students in the region. We trained frequently outdoors to prepare for our competition, improving our skills and learning new strategies and tactics in the game. Whether the sun was shining or it was below freezing outside, we stuck it out...in the cold...maybe not completely healthy...but that's not the point! We, my friends, were dedicated.

Our teams comprised of the following players: Alana MacEwen and Stephanie Kerrigan and on the A-team doubles; I competed in A-team singles; our B-team doubles was battled out by Marielle McGovern and Kristina Meadows; and last but not least was Laura Kerrigan for our B-team singles. Other regular members were Jessica Loeb, Emma Roberts, Sara Duplancic, Jenny Cheetham, Alix Dudley, Allie Knight, and Rachael Montgomery.

Unfortunately, I came down with strep throat the week of the City's (could it be those outdoor practices?), and played my matches against my better judgment. I became too ill to finish my final round match, so with a default, I accepted the silver medal. The other girls represented Elmwood extremely well, and although they had some very challenging matches, they finished with extraordinary results. Laura Kerrigan placed third in her category, and our B doubles, Marielle and Kristina, came in second!

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated in tennis this year. Keep on practicing and remember to have fun above all! We graduating players have lots of great memories – thank you to our coach, Mr. Grenier, for your continuous support and instruction. Good luck to next year's team...Kick some tush and make us proud!

Nadia Bryden
Team Captain



Team Members: Nadia Bryden (Captain), Stephanie Kerrigan, Alana MacEwen, Laura Kerrigan, Kristina Medow, Marielle McGovern, Jessica Loeb, Emma Roberts, Sara Duplancic, Jenny Cheetham, Alix Dudley, Allie Knight, Rachael Montgomery. Coach: Mr.. Grenier.

Golf



Team Members: Dorothy Binkley, Aly Mann, Brooke Herczeg, Monica Gallant, Lorena Mason, Angela Skaff, and Alex Billings. Coach: Mrs. Neale.

Elmwood's Golf Team 2002 had another successful golf season! Our short, intense season produced good results again this year. After hitting balls at the driving range and playing 9 holes for practice at the Meadows course (along with Mrs. Begin and Miss Rossiter), we were ready for the 1 day tournament on Tues. Oct. 1. This Ottawa-Carleton School Board competition was held at the Meadows Golf Club on a beautiful, sunny, warm, fall day. After 18 holes, our team placed second overall (we missed first place by 1 point), and individually Brooke Herczeg earned third place with a respectable score of 105. Congratulations to the team of Dorothy Binkley, Aly Mann, Brooke Herczeg, Monica Gallant, Lorena Mason, Angela Skaff, and spare Alex Billings. Aly and Dorothy, our veterans and graduating players, we will miss you next year! Fore!! Coach Mrs. Neale

Volleyball

Senior



Team Members: Back Row (left to right): Mrs Neale, Nadia Potoczny, Jeahan Kraya, Sarah Edwards, Jessica Hardinge, Anneka Richmond, Alex Kirvan, Ali Duret. Front Row (left to right): Heather Armstrong, Emily Colton, Laure Pitfield, Brittany Hughes, Victoria Metz, Alyson Mann, Elodie Button, Nadia Bryden.

We began this season with 8 veterans and 7 rookies. Mrs. Neale prepared us for the challenging Tier 1 season with an invitational tournament and a clinic with professional volleyball player Mark Reilly. We played every game with enthusiasm, energy and heart. The girls improved and excelled throughout the season, finishing with an 8-2 record (defeating both De La Salle and Ashbury!) While qualifying for OFSAA was not a problem, raising the money to travel to Kenora was! With the help of cupcake sales, generous donations and a successful raffle, we were able to raise enough money to travel to the Provincial Championships. Thank you to the whole school for supporting our various fundraising initiatives. An early morning flight and 3 hour bus ride (G-money) could not discourage these girls and we all had hopes of overcoming the title of 12th seed. After a night of karaoke, encouraging speeches and fun times, we prepared for the next day of matches. We were undefeated, came first in our pool and advanced to the medal rounds. The semifinals matched us against the 1st seeded Le Caron. With the encouragement of the home team, fans, and even strangers, we played our hearts out and were defeated 3-1. It was a deja-vu, as we played our friends, Thomas Aquinas (the home team) for the Bronze. We came into this tournament an unknown team and walked away BRONZE MEDALISTS! Thank you to the parents who were our #1 supporters. Mrs. Neale has been an incredible coach this season and over the past years, and we have made her OFSAA dream come true. Thank you for the most memorable season that Elmwood has ever seen.

Aly Mann and Elodie Button

Junior

The Junior Volleyball Team had a great season. We played in 4 tournaments, placing in the top 6 in all of them. In our league, we placed 3rd in the regular season, easily won both our quarter-finals and semi-finals, and then went on to the East Finals - where we lost a well fought battle. Overall, we placed 3rd in the entire city. An awesome season girls... you put forth much hard work, effort and dedication. Congratulations on such a successful year.
Mrs. Depooter



Team Members. Back Row (left to right): Laura Kerrigan, Kate Bifield, Marnie Brown, Courtney Smith, Karlye Wong, Alex McClenahan, Maura Furlong-MacInnis, Ghada Al-Hussaini, Ms. Depooter. Front Row (left to right): Iris E, Annie Kirvan, Kerri Haynes, Sarah Buchan, Liz Wilson, Marielle McGovern.

The Elmwood Eagles Eclipse Grade 7/8 "A" volleyball team had a great season, beginning in September with tryouts, at which Ms. Bates agonized over the selection of players. Ultimately 12 students – two grade sevens and ten grade eights – were named to the team. A new team crest was designed and great team shirts were ordered with players' names on the back. Our first major tournament was the Ontario Elementary Provincial Cup in November where the girls played great volleyball against far more experienced teams, and came close to advancing into the playoff rounds. It was a fun two-night overnight trip. For the remainder of the season, we played many exhibition games and participated in several tournaments, improving steadily. In early January, we hosted a sixteen-team tournament at Elmwood and won gold medals in the "A" Division. A few weeks later the Eclipse captured gold medals and a team banner by winning the Ottawa Carleton District School Board Northeast Division title. In the Board finals we advanced as far as the semi-finals where we lost to the team that went on to win the championship. All in all, it was an amazing, successful and fun-filled season.

Eclipse



Team Members. Back Row (left to right): Ms. Bates, Karin McDowell, Rebecca Glover, Taylar Reid, Anneka Bakker, Stefani Scrivens, Morgan Wallack, Emily Mattiussi. Front Row (left to right): Natasha Turner, Alicia Kerrigan, Rachel Rodrigues, Christine McLellan, Jill Maclaren.

Eagles Too



Team Members. Back Row (left to right): Liz Connelly, Amanda Meadows, Shikha Dilawri, Dana Achtemichuk, Ms. Bates. Front Row (left to right): Ishani Nath, Christiane McGovern, Maja Greenspon. Absent: Madie MacDonald.

The Elmwood Eagles Too Grade 7/8 "B" volleyball team worked very hard to improve their skills throughout the season, which began in September with tryouts. These were held in September with over 40 girls showing up causing Ms. Bates to agonize over the selection of players. This process ended in the creation of a second team in order to maximize competitive participation by as many interested athletes as possible. The Eagles Too played many exhibition games and participated in a few tournaments. Despite experiencing a number of losses, most of the team recognized that they were competing against first teams from other schools, and they simply took the opportunity to play and learn. As a reward for the perseverance of the players who stuck with the team, there were some victories toward the end of the season. Probably the best indication of how they felt about the experience was that many players asked to continue playing even after the season ended!

Volleyball

Grade 5/6



Team members: Lindsay Bryden, Anita E, Rachelle Bonneville, Sarah Coyne, Laurie Biewald, Sandy Kechichian, Emily Alexander, Michelle Sleeth, Nikola Ruddy, Emily Baxter, Julianne Hughes, Justine Boomer.

Bumps, serves and volleys were the name of the game for the Elmwood Eaglets as they achieved amazing results in their debut season! The 2002-2003 season was action-packed and exciting to watch. We began our competitive season by attending the Ottawa -Carleton Board tournament and receiving Silver medals for our second place finish. In addition, we hosted a tournament at Elmwood where we won our division. The enthusiasm and effort displayed by the girls was outstanding... the 7:00 a.m. practice were a team favourite! The future of volleyball at Elmwood at the 5/6 level looks very bright! Thank you to all the team members and especially to Ms. Bates for spending her time with us and all her coaching expertise!

C.Tweedie

Grade 4

Volleyball Tournament

On Thursday, January 16th the Grade Fours went to a volleyball tournament at Hillel Academy. We lost our first game one to twenty-five, but in our last game the score was much closer at twelve to fifteen. We came in last place but we were still happy because it was our first year playing volleyball. Many thanks to our coaches Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Gavin for their time and effort in preparing us for the tournament.

Irena Wight



Team members: Sarah Bouzanis, Juliet Caragianis, Alessandra Cinotti Ballarte, Kelly Coultry, Julia Fottinger, Kelly Hunter, Christina Jacobsen, Lyndsay Kotarba, Vicotria Loeb, Heather McDonald, Taylor O'Dea, Charlotte O'Neill, Stephanie Pratapas, Sonya Ruddy, Anuja Sinha, Alicia Smart, Priya Wadhera, Irean Wight, Mrs. Johnson, Ms.

Gavan

This past year saw great success for the Elmwood Senior Swim Team. Despite cold, early mornings, the team attracted a huge number of teen and skilled swimmers. Many of the girls went on to compete in a series of citywide swim meets, where they made a big splash, including winning some of the boy's events! Though none of the girls could compete in the city championships because of exams, they will be a force to be reckoned with next year. A big thank you to our coach, Ms. Christmas, who braved the mornings with enthusiasm, patience and expertise, improving not only our technique but also our love for the pool! Good luck next year!

Dorothy Binkley, Captain

Swimming Senior Swim

Team Members. Jessica White, Morgen Smith, Tamara Dolan, Sandra Sharpe, Luise Birgelen, Perry McCormack, Jade Legault, Blair Stein, Amanda Garbutt, Virginia Brown, Lauren McLean, Mary Jane Tingley, Dorothy Binkley, Arianne Buchan, Emily Kent, Jessica Hardinge, Kyla MacLeod, Julia Doran. Miss Christmas (coach)

Synchronized Swimming



Swim Training



This season the Junior and Middle School Swim Training program had a record 67 enthusiastic participants. During the season, the girls developed their skills in the freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke through a variety of drills that focused on the kick, pull, breathing and coordination of each stroke. Practising starts and turns and building endurance were also important parts of the program. Swimmers in grades 4-6 competed in a meet on February 26, 2003 at St. Laurent Pool. The girls competed against swimmers from six other independent schools in the city and placed first overall with 15 1st place finishes, 9 2nd place finishes, and 4 3rd place finishes! Swimmers in grades 7 and 8 participated in a meet on March 3, 2003 and also placed first overall with 17 1st place finishes, 12 2nd place finishes, and 2 3rd place finishes! Congratulations on a great season to all team members!

Team Members: Grade 4: Julia Fottinger, Kelly Hunter, Lyndsay Kotarba, Victoria Loeb, Heather McDonald, Charlotte O'Neill, Stephanie Pratapas, Priya Wadhwa, Irena Wight. Grade 5: Haley Bugov, Emily Alexander, Cleo Clatney, Julia E, Taylor Flynn, Rachel Garbutt, Laura Haebe, Caroline Tierins, Monica Mikhael, Silya Shenassa, Jenny Shepherd, Sabrina Villeneuve. Grade 6: Ashley Dams, Lisa Baillieul-Fine, Sara Bastianelli, Emily Baxter, Elena Clark, Sarah Coyne, Sophia Dhalla, Anita E, Caroline Garel-Jones, Katherine McDonald, Kate Portner-Gartke, Molly Reisman, Sarah Naikhal, Christine Soong, Rachel Stein, Bronwyn Thomson, Sonya Wadhwa. Grade 7: Dana Chtemichuk, Hilary Brown, Nikki Campbell, Shamila Charania, Cecilia Culver-Grey, Nora Dempsey, Amberly Fung, Erin Kerr, Samantha Lamontagne, Rebecca LeFevre, Rebecca-Rose Loeb, Anita Malik, Karin McDowell, Sarah Merkley, Annie O'Shea, Talia Poleski, Vera Qi-Lin. Grade 8: Kirsten Bomer, Angela Bouzanis, Alexandra Fottinger, Sonia Hussain, Keva Legault, Meaghan MacLean, Elizabeth Maffett, Emily Mattiussi, Laura Pavezka, Jane Reisman, Natasha Turner, Margo Vachon.

Cross Country Running



Team Members: Back Row (left to right): Manon Wallenberger, Kayli Cooper, Alex ui, Julie Ashton, Lara Zabel, Sabrina Browarski, Catherine Wilson, Mrs. Coates (coach). Front Row (left to right): Ms. Christmas (coach), Chrissy Amundsen, Luise Birgelen.

Several girls braved the weather this year, through the fall wind, winter snow and spring rain, to build their fitness and running legs! They ran the 5km route several times each week in preparation for other sporting demands and upcoming races. Well done, girls!

Ms. Christmas

Skiing



Friday Night Skiing at Camp Fortune

Over the course of the second term, a group of girls headed out to the Gatineau Hills several times a week to ski the trails, enjoy the snow-laden woods and work on their x-c ski technique. We braved sometimes -25 degree weather, skied into the park huts with dinner on our backs and enjoyed fondu heated on the wood stoves. A great way to enjoy an Ottawa winter.

Ms. Christmas

Team Members: Jessica Harris, Kendra Atkins, Fiona Stewart, Laura Glowacki, Julia Betts, Manon Wallenberger, Lara Zabel. Coach: Mrs. A. Christmas.

This year's ski team was a great success. Thanks to all the girls who came out every Friday. You helped make our last season with the ski team the best yet. We had a great first day at the Level 1 & 2 race; now we know that slalom is our specialty. We couldn't have completed the races so successfully without the help of our amazing coach, Laura Haley. Congratulations to Lisa Rosenberg, and our honorary member, Christine O'Connor, who both placed in the top 15 at the Novice Race. You were both incredible! Thanks to Ms. Kerluke, our teacher/coach/driver, who was incredibly dedicated and enthusiastic. We had a great time as captains of the ski and wish you all the best of luck in the years to come.
Love, Steph and Maggie

Downhill Skiing



Team Members: Stephanie Kerrigan (captain), Maggie Thomson (captain), Lisa Rosenberg, Alana MacEwen, Laura Kerrigan, Alexandra Knight, Jane Pigott, Jessica Venables, Perry McCormack, Zoe Anderson, Laura Haley, Emily Nadolny, Sophie Chiasson, Alexandra McClenahan

Hockey



Team Members: Ayla Fisk, Sarah Yan, Alison Westington, Alex Pattee, Willie Denault (co-captain), Megan Halliwushka, Riyaz Basi, Stephanie Hewetson, Dana Wong, Kristen Shamess, Rebecca Willems (captain), Sandra Sharpe, Stephanie Berg-Riddell, Becky Allen.

With the sound of skate blades hitting the ice and pucks flying through the air, once again Elmwood's hockey team has ended yet another successful season. The season was like no others, we had more girls turn up than ever before and the season, (like always) was filled with fun and excitement. Although we may have been a group of different levels and skills, we all came together to create a team that worked well together and contributed each one's talent. We were a team that cheered, skated and laughed together. After all our hard work and dedication, we then had the chance to play a game against the staff of Elmwood (teachers and staff); which, by the way, we won! Maybe the fact that Monsieur Grenier, our dedicated coach, played for us, students, helped a little...

Thank you to everyone who came to the practices and kept the team alive! Because of our numbers this year, Dr Kirby agreed to continue the programme and we will be indoors next October. You have the summer to get ready!

The hockey team would like to say "Good-bye" to three of our most respected players, Rebecca Willems, Ali Westington (our manager) and Kristen Shamess.

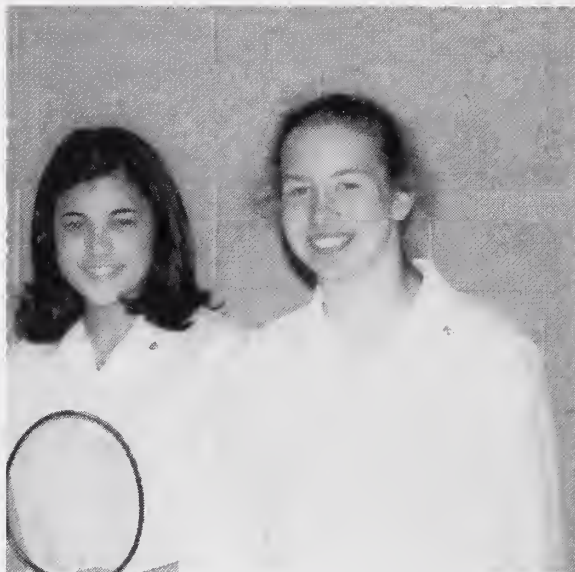
Good luck to all of you in the future! Thank you to the hockey team for a wonderful season, Keep on skating! - Willie Deneault 9H

Badminton

Senior



Sr. Gym Class



Team Members: Aly Mann, Nadia Bryden, Heather Armstrong, Nadia Ham Pong.

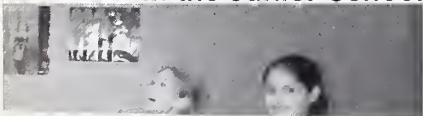
Coach Grenier was looking forward to the return of our best players from last year, such as Aly Mann and Nadia Bryden, to name a few... Unfortunately, these players were involved at OFSAA in Volleyball and only 2 seniors showed up for the try-outs and many practices. Heather Armstrong and Nadia Ham-Pong decided to represent our school in the doubles division. The pair came out strong and but did not qualify for the Finals. Nevertheless, they played with an overwhelming amount of heart and spirit, throughout the whole of the season and want to begin practicing earlier next year as they now know what it takes to be the best. Thanks to both of them for giving it their best shot!

Coach, Mr. Grenier.

Junior



In the Junior School



In the Junior School

From day one the junior badminton team showed a lot of promise. The tandems of returning players were there to help and guide the new members of the team. Laura Doubleday and Ayesha Basi were to be a force to be reckoned with. There was a bit of uncertainty at the beginning with the new players, but they soon felt right at home. Erica Hoe, Sarah Buchan and Christine Johnston were a welcome addition and certainly brought their respective levels of talent to be fused with core of returning players. This team sure liked to have fun, and at any time possible. The double team composed by Sarah Buchan and Erica Hoe came out strong and qualified for the Finals. This first victory was overshadowed by the loss of our single player Christine Johnson who learnt a lot from her experience. We came really close in getting the bronze medal but ended up finishing 4th out of 22 teams, which is quite commendable. So, in summary, the under 16 badminton team played with an overwhelming amount of heart and spirit, throughout the whole of the season. We would not have gone anywhere without the supervision, motivation, and teaching of our dedicated coach, Mr. Grenier.



Team Members: Back Row: Mr. Grenier (coach). Front Row: Christine Johnson, Erica Hoe, Sarah Buchan.

Grade 4-6



Team Members: Sarah Coyne, Larissa Fulop, Sandy Kechichian, Sophia Lal, Alison Miller, Christine Soong, Hayley Abogov, Caroline Mierins, Rachel Carbutt, Vanessa Morgan Mziray, Julia E, Rachel Liu, Irena Wight, Priya Madhera.

The 2003 Badminton season was a very busy one. Once again, those 7:00am practices proved to be a favourite of coaches and players alike.

Fourteen students were selected to participate in the Ottawa Independent School Athletic Association tournament at the R.A. Centre. There, the girls competed in Novice, Intermediate and Advanced divisions against players for Ottawa Montessori School, Bishop Hamilton, Joan of Arc and Hillel Academy. All the participants smashed and cleared their shots to end up in a second place finish overall. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's badminton program. We look forward to next year's season with great anticipation and high hopes.

Cross Country Running

Grade 4-6

Grade 3-5



Team Members: Katherine MacDonald, Anita E, Rachel Liu, Nikola ruddy, Haley bugov, Marisa Ashley, Elena Clark, Silya Shenassa, Charlotte O'Neil, Justine oomer, Elizabeth Huffaker, Larissa Fulop, Kate Portner Gartke, Lindsay pooner, Cleo Clatney, Reba Wilson, Kelly Coultry, Heather McDonald, Sarah coyne, Emily Alexander, Taylor Flynn, Vanessa Morgan Mziray, Julia E.
Coaches: Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Beggs, Ms. Ostiguy



Team Members: Cleo Clatney, Amanda Lewis, Natasha Duncan, Madeline Oster, Sabina Lohar Dewfield, Jennifer Maginnis.

Elmwood Basketball

Juniors Play With Heart

The Junior team this year can be proud of their hard fought season. From late August to late November the girls could be found practicing their ball handling, lay ups, outside shooting, and defensive play under the leadership of Coach Amy Dorcas. Katie Bifield and Elizabeth Wilson provided the student leadership acting as the captains for the team. The girls participated in the Ottawa Carleton Catholic League attending the St. Matthew's Invitational Tournament in November. As the basketball season drew to a close, Alex McClennahan and Iris E were recognized for their contributions to the success of the team at Elmwood's Annual Athletic Awards Banquet receiving the Most Valuable Player Award- Alex for her performance as the team's top rebounder and scorer and Iris as the defensive specialist. Katie Bifield was also recognized at the banquet for her outstanding leadership to the team receiving the Most Spirited Player Award.

"The girls played and practised harder than any team in our league. If there had been an award for heart, we would have won the gold."

Mrs. Amy Dorcas

Middle School Team Shuts Down Glashan

Ball players in the Middle School can really hold their heads high as they completed a very successful 2002-2003 season. An early tournament in VanKleek Hill saw the girls walk away with a third place. Although there were other games against Maple Ridge and Henry Munro, the most exciting game by far was at the Glashan Tournament. Taylor Reid and Christine McLennan were on fire as they shut down club players from the Glashan team. The game was only decided in double overtime with Elmwood coming out second.

"The game could have gone either way really. The girls can really hold their heads high", said Mrs. Reid.

Christine was recognized as the Most Valuable Player for her consistent scoring all season long.

Team Members: Shika Dilawri, Christine McLellan, Alicia Kerrigan, Anneka Bakker, Taylor Reid, Emily Mattiussi, Emma Duret, Prashanthi Baskaran, Natasha Turner, Annie O'Shea, Karin McDowell, Sarah Balck, Stefani Scrivens, Dana Achtemichuk, Kaleigh McMurray, Alanna Mar, Megan Halliwushka, Maja Greenspoon, Olivia Cott, Rebecca LeFevre, Vanessa Assaly, Nicolle Bonar, Rachael Rodrigues, Emily Miller. Absent: Jill Maclaren.



Sr. Bball Coaches Optimistic

With some talented juniors and a new coach moving into the senior ranks the month of September saw optimism permeate the gym. A strong turning nucleus led by Ali Mann and two exciting juniors, Ali Duret and Lo Pitfield created optimism for a successful season. After getting our feet wet in the Referees' Tournament,

Elmwood hosted its own very successful tournament, won by a very strong Nepean team, with the Eagles close behind in second place. It was then on the road to Hamilton and more competitive success which would prepare the girls for league competition. And what a strong league it was! Two of the best teams in

the province and very few weak teams, yet the Eagles finished fourth out of seven and looked forward to the post season and a trip to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations' championship for "A" schools. In Port Hope, Elmwood, seeded eight, won its first two games and advanced to the quarter-finals against the

defending champions, Middlesex High School. The first half was close - only seven points difference at half time, but with one of our starters ailing in the second half, the defending champions prevailed.

The first Elmwood trip to an OFSAA championship has created large expectations for the 2003 season. With several players returning and several more juniors moving up there is reason for optimism. Bob Butler
Team Members: Laure Pitfield, Ali Duret, Alex Kirvan, Nadia Potoczny, Emily Colton, Lauren Pratapas, Cabrey Grey, Mrs. Bates (coach). Heather Armstrong, Jessica Hardinge, Carina Shalaby, Aly Mann. Coaches: Bob Butler, Mrs. Bates

Five and Sixes Not Intimidated

The 5/6 competitive basketball team has had a wonderful season. They competed in three tournaments at the Nepean Sportsplex, here at Elmwood and at Glashan. The Glashan tournament consisted of only two grade six teams. The rest were grade sevens and eights. The girls played exceptionally well and didn't let the age difference intimidate them. The team really had a great season and truly improved on their skills in the sport. The coaches, Miss Gallagher and Bob Butler, helped the girls become better team players throughout the long season.

- Anita E and Kate Portner Gartke

Team Members: Sarah Coyne, Laure Biewald, Jacki McMurray, Meg Grey, Larissa Fulop, Anita E, Rachelle Bonneville. Kate Portner Gartke, Justine Boomer, Christine Soong, and Nikola Ruddy.



Soccer

Senior

In the first term this year, the grade 5/6 soccer team came out to practice with their two coaches, Miss Gallagher and Ms. Tweedie, at least twice a week. We worked hard on ball handling skills, passing and much, much more through rain and shine. Playing with extreme skill and spirit, the team achieved second place at the O.C.E.A.A. NE Regional Girls Soccer Championships. We were great and our season was very rewarding after we ended with not a single loss and just one tie. We would like to thank Miss Gallagher and Ms. Tweedie for their unrelenting support and encouragement during the season.

Elizabeth Huffaker



Team Members: Back Row (left to right): Sarah Edwards, Sarah Quinn, Brittany Hughes, Kim Ng, Karen Leung, Jessica Roach, Jessica Harris. Middle Row (left to right): Emily Nadolny, Courtney Smith, Nadia Potoczny, Lorena Mason. Front Row (left to right): Laura Kerrigan, Heather Armstrong. Absent: Laura Corush, Missy Dietz, Steph Gaty, Laura Glowacki, Jeahan Kraya, Andrea Laporte, Victoria Metz, Julia Sterparn.

Short and sweet. Those are two words to describe the grade 7/8's soccer season. The numerous early morning practices, countless sprints, sophisticated strategies and ear-splitting cheers could not have been such a thrill without the unconditional support of Mr. Elliott, our head coach, and Jeahan and Brittany the two student coaches. At the tournament, which was held at Turnbull School, we had a close, edge of your seat final game against the Turnbull A team and placed second in the entire tournament. The improvement over the course of that tiring day was incredible and I know that everybody left the soccer pitch happy. All of us think Mr. Elliott was perfect for making those early morning practices entertaining like when he ripped his pants...(shh!!!). The entire team would not only like to proudly thank Mr. Elliott, Jeahan and Brittany for committing themselves to teaching a group of clowns, but to also letting us have the most fun we could possible have had that Saturday. Thank you all, and we can't wait until next year!

Christine McLellan



Team Members: Amanda Meadows, Vanessa Assaly, Margo Vachon, Christiane McGovern, Stephanie Grand, Taylar Reid, Sarah Black, Kaleigh McMurray, Christine McLellan, Shika Dilawri, Alicia Timmons, Alicia Kerrigan, Ishani Nath, Alanna Mar, Dana Achtemichuk, Michaela McGee, Sarah Swift, Megan Halliwushka, Jasmine Rasuli. Coaches: Mr. Elliott, Brittany Hughes, Jeahan Kraya

7/8



Team Members. Emily Baxter, Laurie Biewald, Justine Boomer, Rachelle Bonneville, Lindsay Bryden, Sarah Coyne, Anite E, Larisa Fulop, Julianne Hughes, Sandy Kechichian, Nikola Ruddy, Rachel Stein, Emily Alexander, Michelle Sleeth.



Canadian National Team Visit

Rugby



Team Members. Back Row (left to right): Catherine Wilson, Tamara Dolan, Cabrey Grey, Sandra Harpe, Anneka Richmond, Katie Houghton, Alexandra McClenahan, Samira Salari, Carina Thalaby, Jessica Hardinge, Alex Keys, Liz Wilson, Nicola Lightstone, Alana MacEwen, Laura Haley, Caroline LeFort, Laure Pitfield, Katie Bifield, Ali Duret, Jess Allen, Erin O'Reilly, Megan Cheung. Front Row (left to right): Mrs. Depooter (coach), Alex Nahwegahbow, Christine Conner, Jaye Appotive, Elissa Cohen, Luise Birgelen, Jen Pelland, Marielle McGovern, Annie Kirvan, Nazik Amdiss, Iris E, Steph Ramsay. Absent: Alex Kirvan, Alix Dudley, Stephanie Fathi, Alex Patee, Ashley Laplante, Lauren MacLean, Karlye Wong, Anneka Richmond.

The Elmwood Rugby Team had another successful year-our best team yet! We travelled to Halifax for the CAIS National Championships at King's Edgehill School. It was a great tournament, lots of fun, we looked good, and we placed 6th overall. In the regular season, we finished in 2nd place with a 166-36 point record and only one loss. Unfortunately, we lost a tight game in the semi-finals, ending our season earlier than we expected. Congratulations to MVPs Katie Houghton and Laura Haley and MSP Stephanie Fathi. We say good-bye to the last of the original team from 4 years ago...best wishes to all.



Track and Field

Senior



Lorena Mason, Lizzie Howard, Courtney Smith, Katie Bifield

When the snow was somewhat melted away, Elmwood runners bundled up and went out for training sessions. Ms. Christmas was our fearless leader and always wanting to run... no matter the weather. Even though there were limited training dates available at the track, we were able to compete at an Invitational meet. The girls did exceptionally well and were even inclined to try new events. At the following track meets, all of the girls successfully advanced in their chosen events (including 100m, 200m, throwing and jumping events, and most importantly, our awesome 4x100m relay!) Ms. Christmas has been an energetic and very enthusiastic coach. Her broad range of knowledge for track has been a wonderful asset to her team. Congratulations to the Track Ladies and thank you for another great season!

Alyson Mann

Middle



Middle School Track and Field Team

Junior



Junior School Track and Field Team



Rowing



Coxswain-Emily Kent,Stroke Seat-Jessica Harris,3 Seat-Catherine Wilson, 2 Seat-Arianne Buchan, Bow Seat-Chrissie Amundsen.
Coach: Ms. Loenhart

The senior women's crew had a brief but memorable season in the spring of 2003. Amidst the hustle of 3 members of the crew finishing credits for graduation, and completing IB exams, the crew proved they could rest on the experience of years past. With only a few practices under their oars, they finished well at the Montreal regatta and proved to their coaches that 'small engines rev higher'. They showed their moxie and earned their way to St. Catherine's infamous CSSRA's. When the big weekend of St. Catherine's arrived the weather proved to be more than miserable. The girls slogged through mud, rain and unseasonable temperatures for a victorious first place finish in their heat. Saturday's competition saw the girls filled with nervous tension but they managed to channel it all into their semi-final heat and finished in the top 20 of North America. After the races were over, shopping and sight seeing were in order. The crew took a trip to Niagara Falls to enjoy the neon lights of the tourist strip. Congratulations to the girls on a successful final season!

Water Polo



Team Members: Front Row (left to right): Jessica Hardinge, Dorothy Binkley (captain). Second Row (left to right): Mary Jane Tingley (co-captain), Nicole Sleeth, Katie Houghton, Nazik Amdiss. Third Row (left to right): Talia Stein, Lauren MacLean, Caroline Hunt. Fourth Row (left to right): Jessica White, Luise Birgelen, Morgen Smith. Back Row (left to right): Sandra Sharpe, Jasmine Baker, Jessica Loeb, Gillian Graham, Becky Allen, Mr. Elliott (coach), Tamara Dolan, Salma Ibrahim, Sarah McDonald.

In the four years since its creation, the Elmwood water polo team has battled doubt, cold, early mornings, injury, taxis, and allegations of being cult-like. Despite all of this, the members of this year's water polo team would have made the founding players proud with their dedication, enthusiasm and endless energy (even at 6:15 am in February!). Rookies and veteran players alike were catapulted into the season with our tournament and from then excelled in a whirlwind schedule of practices and games. Though we were eliminated from playoff in the first round, we gave the first place team a run for their money and set the tone for next year's team. On behalf of all the girls I'd like to thank Mr. Elliott for his guidance, MJ for her leadership and Julie's mom for making morning practice so enjoyable. More importantly, I'd like to thank the team for four great years; you never cease to amaze me. GIRLS IN THE WOOD, HUH!

-Dorothy Binkley

Equestrian

The Equestrian Team expanded its numbers this year to a total of eight riders. Amongst them was Anna Cameron, Maddie MacDonald, Emily Nadolny, Alexa Gendron-O'Donnell, Catherine Wilson, Kendra Atkins, Laura Haley, and myself. The team got together once a month, starting in October, to practice on a variety of different horses, coached by Amy Rathwell at Greenbelt Stables in Ottawa. Three of these girls moved on to compete in our annual horse show in Duncan, British Columbia, held by Queen Margaret's School. After only being given a day to practise on their mounts, whom they had never met, Maddie, Emily and Alexa rode exceptionally well, placing in the top five for each division. I had the pleasure of accompanying the girls as assistant coach once again, and am very proud of them this year. Thank you to everyone who showed so much enthusiasm for this team, it's been a wonderful year!

- Rebecca Willems OAC
126 Sports



Team Members. (left to right): Ms. Caravan, Emily Nadolny, Maddie MacDonald, Rebecca Willems, Alexa Gendron-O'Donnell, Amy Rathwell (coach).

Climbing







I CANNOT WRITE, IF I DO
NOT LIVE, AND I CANNOT
LIVE, IF I DO NOT WRITE.



Extending Our Reach

Clubs

Senior Choir



Choir Members: back row (left to right): Kaylyn Fraser, Monique Larson, Erin Horowitz, Sara Duplancic, Susan Shore, Kyla Dowden, Fiona Stewart, Dena El Sayed, Luise Birgelen, Chrissy Amundsen, Allie Knight, Katherine Morrison, Dalia Shabib. front row (left to right): Mr. Palmi (director), Mareille McGovern, Emily White, Caroline McLoughlin, Sarah Yan, Jen Pelland, Sabrina Browarski, Nadia Ham Pong, Laura Doubleday, Jenny Cheetham, Alana MacEwen. Zoe Anderson, Marielle McGovern, Emily White, Sara Duplancic, Victoria Metz, Kaylyn Frasier, Susan Shore, Monique Larson, Amy Boyle,

The dedication of this year's choir far outstripped that of Elmwood's past ensembles. Under the direction of Mr. Palmi, we were given the opportunity to share our music at a number of venues throughout the year. On behalf of the senior choir, I would like to thank everyone who made this year's ensemble possible. Good luck to next year's choir in all its endeavors! Sabrina Browarski



7/8 Choir

The middle school choir was a small but dynamic group of students in grades 6-8. Every Tuesday afternoon they gathered in the music room to blend their voices together in song. They got a chance to show off their hard work at the Kiwanis Music Festival, where they took Gold in their class and were invited to participate in the Provincial competition by the adjudicator. Well sung. Mrs. Holt

5B Holiday Concert



Choir members: Julianne Hughes, Emily Baxter, Lisa Baillieul-Fine, Rachel Currie, Hannah Paterson, Olivia Scott, Ernestine Moore-Drolet, Lindsey Hunt, Lisa Cameron, Nikola Ruddy, Kylie Flynn, Alexis Martineau, Isabella Price, Sarah Coyne, Elena Clark, Elizabeth Huffaker, Larissa Fulop, Stephanie Hunt

Senior Orchestra



Violin : Julia Betts, Christina Amundsen, Rosemary Tross, Maja Campara, Monique Larson, Sara Duplancic, Marielle McGovern, Heather Armstrong, Caroline McLoughlin, Samira Salari, Jessica Roach, Sandra Sharpe, Monica Gallant, Tamara Dolan. **Viola:** Fiona Stewart, Rhiannon Derbyshire, Jennifer Tigner, Anjali Tejuja, Jessica White. **Cello :** Jennifer Blakney, Emma Roberts, Kaylyn Fraser, Yesha Basi, Alix Dudley. **Bass:** Nicole Sleeth.

The senior orchestra showed an amazing improvement this year, with such a large number of students participating. Performances included the Christmas Concert, performing at CHEO, and the Spring Concert. We had a great time, and thank you to everyone who has been part of the orchestra this year!

Sabrina Browarski

Grade 9 Orchestra



String Ensemble

This year, the chamber orchestra had a great year performing demanding pieces that challenged all of us. We became stronger as musicians as the year progressed, and we improved significantly, pulling it together with the will to succeed. Mr. Rudisuela's dedication and enthusiasm made every Thursday morning worth while, and he's been an inspiration to the entire chamber orchestra. We give our infinite thanks to him, and wish the graduating chamber orchestra members the greatest luck in music for the future. We performed at the children's hospital, the Holly Tea, The Christmas concert, the Christmas music concert at St. Baptist Church and the final spring concert in April. For the first time, we collaborated with the senior choir, playing the gorgeous piece, 'Stabat Mater'. The audience, experiences and friendships established were phenomenal, and our shared passion for music made the experiment unforgettable.

Chrissy Amundsen



Violin: Julia Betts, Christina Amundsen, Heather Armstrong, Samira Salari, Jessica Roach. Viola: Rhiannon Derbyshire, Fiona Stewart. Cello: Jennifer Blakney. Bass: Nicole Sleeth. Conductor: Mr. Rudisuela.



Honour Band

The Honour Band is a new band for Elmwood middle school this year. This band is comprised of grade seven and eight students who, within the first four months of school, had excelled to the point where they needed a challenge to take them even further. They started practicing together in January, and by April were ready to compete in the Kiwanis Music Festival, where they took silver in their class. These girls practiced their lips off! Their hard work, and talent took them far in their first year. Just wait until you see what they do next year! Mrs. Holt



Kirsten Boomer, Nora Dempsey, Sophie Goss, Hannah Paterson, Anisha Sinha, Jasmine Rasuli, Lisa Cameron, Rachel Currie, Kylie Flynn, Katie Yelle, Karin McDowell, Prashanthi Baskaran, Anita Malik, Hilary Brown, Krina Merchant, Emily Mattiussi, Rosa Tran, Kimberly Fung, Sonia Hussein, Pamela Williams, Valerie Lemelin, Nikki Campbell, Margo Vachon, Alanna Mar, Emily Miller, Natasha Turner, Cecilia Culver-Grey, Olivia Scott, Annie O'Shea.
Director: Mrs. Holt

Jazz Band

There is finally some Jazz in the middle school! Thanks to Ms. Holt, the Jazz Band practiced every Day 1 and 5.

We played at the Elmwood Christmas concert where the theme was Around the World in 80 Minutes. We played songs such as, Chillin', Blues in B flat, Jazz Prelude, The Pink Panther, and Caribbean Fever. All were a great success.

The following are the members of the Jazz Band and the instrument they play: Sonia Hussain, Emily Mattiussi, Kimberly Fung, and Rebecca Chef on the alto saxophone, Megan Cody, and Annie-Claire Bergeron-Oliver on the tenor saxophone, Pamela Williams on the baritone saxophone, Kylie Flynn, Anita Malik, and Larissa Zajac on the clarinet, Valerie Lemelin on the bass clarinet, Nicole Campbell on the tuba, Samantha on the baritone, Margo Vachon on the trombone, Emily Miller, Erin Kerr, and Cecilia Culver Gray on the tumpet, and Megan Halliwushka playing percussion.

There was a lot of enthusiasm from the girls in the Jazz Band. We would all like to say a HUGE thank you to Ms. Holt for coming out two days a cycle to direct us. Margo Vachon



Recorder Ensemble



Chime Choir



Chime Choir Members:

Taylor O'Dea, Masha Zarakhani, Reba Wilson, Caroline Mierins, Julia E, Hayley Abugov, Laura Brazeau, Amanda Lewis, Kelly O'Connor, Juliet Caragianis, Katherine Hales, Rachel Garbutt.

Director: Mrs. Cathy Wiley



Junior School Drummers



Junior Chess Club

On Wednesdays at lunch in the Grade 2 classroom, we have some enthusiastic chess players. The club is small so we are looking for new opponents. Come join in on the fun. Just bring your own chess board and challenge one of the other members to a match. Ms. MacLeod

Multi-Talented- A French Song



Middle School

Under the guidance of "Super Sam" Dubé, for three years now the girls have been learning to use their hands, feet, elbows, knees, heads (in more ways than one!) and anything available to deal with real-life situations. This year, they even choreographed a skit for Talent Night, highlighting the do's and don'ts of self-defence, entirely on their own! Ms. Milligan

Club Members: Alex DeForge, Sarah Black, North de Pencier, Clare Funsten, Stephanie Shea, Amina Ibrahim, Arianna Sanelli, Erika Tilson, Alicia Timmons, Shauna Turney, Elizabeth Maffet, Ernestine Moore-Drolet, Toika Kanters, Alexis Martineau, Rebecca LeFevre

Self-Defence



Senior School



4-6 Clay Club



Grade 4:

Juliet Caragianis, Kelly Coultry, Julia Fottinger, Kelly Hunter, Christina Jacobsen, Lyndsay Kotarba, Heather McDonald, Taylor O'Dea, Charlotte O'Neill, Stephanie Pratapas, Priya Wadhera.

Grade 5:

Laura Brazeau, Talyor Flynn, Laura Haebe, Katherine Hales, Ruth Lark, Caroline Meierins, Vanessa Morgan Mziray, Kelly O'Connor, Eva Palumbo, Silya Shenassa, Jenny Shepherd, Michelle Sleeth, Lindsay Spooner, Kelly Richards, Caroline Tone, Sabrina Villeneuve.



Grade 6:

Ashley Adams, Marisa Ashley, Lisa Baillieul-Fine, Alicia Bartlett, Sarah Coyne, Shilpa Goel, Ashley Hartman, Raisa Patel, Kate Portner Gartke, Christine Soong, Rachel Stein, Julie Sutton, Bronwyn Thomson, Sonya Wadhera.

Senior Clay Club

Clay club helps out on Dog Day



Grade 9: Ghada Al-Hussaini, Sara Anderson, Zoe Anderson, Stephanie Berg-Riddell, Christine Johnston, Teagan Jones, Anna McKay, Emily White.

Grade 10: Jessica Dhaliwal, Laura Doubleday, Caroline McLoughlin, Katherine Morrison, Dana Wong.

Grade 11: Jennifer Blakney, Sarah Pelow-Charbonneau, Nicole Sleeth.

Grade 12: Julia Betts, Kyla Dowden, Laura Glowacki.

Middle Clay Club

Clay club helps out on Dog Day



Grade 7: Nikki Campbell, Rebecca Cheff, Kylie Flynn, Kimberly Fung, Stephanie Hunt, Samantha Lamontagne, Sam Lindsay, Alexis Martineau, Michaela McGee, Samantha Montgomery, Isabella Price, Vera Qi-Lin, Emily Rack, Jasmine Rasuli

Grade 8: Sarah Black, Alexandra DeForge, Alexandra Fottinger, Sonia Hussain, Madie MacDonald, Elizabeth Maffett, Jane Reisman, Arianna Sanelli, Margaret Seaborn, Stephanie Shea, Elly Smallwood, Erika Tilson, Pamela Williams, Larissa Zajac.

Senior Debating



Anais Kadian, Abanti Zakaria, Maja Campara, Habibat Garuba, Dena El Sayed, Blair Stein, Lara Zabel, Laura Glowacki, Crystal Sun.

Desputo Ergo Sum "I debate therefore I am" Each one of us had a unique reason to join the team this year: to better our public speaking or critical thinking skills, to learn about and debate current and historical, economic, political or environmental issues or to simply watch and be entertained. Our logical thinkers and persuasive speakers went to a couple of tournaments this year. At the McGill Highschool tournament, over 200 debaters were assembled and Elmwood arrived in the top 20 teams and top 10 speakers overall. We also engaged in "friendly" debates with the Ashbury team, and we had the opportunity to prepare a mini-debate showcase for the school. Our team this year also had two different coaches: Ritu Banerjee and Nathan McDonald. During our weekly after school and lunch debating sessions, we argued everything from closed shop labour unions, the sin tax, GMO's, foreign policy tools, the double cohort, and Canada's role in the war, to sending boy bands to outer space. And of course, each speech was marked with laughter, teasing, and heckling: "The opposition's argument was so clear, Mr Speaker, I could see right through it!" "Your speech was filled with 'Anaisisms'" "Yes Mr Speaker, eating junk food is not a sin, in fact studies show that these people are happy! Look at Santa Clause or the Pillsbury Doh boy!" "Here on the government side we have a plan: to wipe out all boy bands!" "We strongly believe that reality TV shows have the sole purpose of making fun of beautiful people!" "Remember girls, The Economist is your bible!" Those were some fun times... and remember if you can't dazzle them with brilliance, you have to baffle them.

Anais Kadian

Middle Debating

Most of the middle-school debating team got together for a pool party last week, during which we figured out what we wanted on our yearbook page. Here's what we came up with.

Debating with Ms. Laura Nelson as our coach was inspirational. Every one of us learned valuable life lessons related to public speaking, self-confidence and self-discipline. Lifetime friendships were created, regardless of grade or social clique. Over various excursions, including a train trip to Toronto for the Junior Provincials, we bonded to such a degree that the memories will stay in our hearts forever. Our phenomenal year can only be described in one way, it was magical.

Girls, I'm proud of all you achieved. I hope to see everyone out next year for more fun, hands-on education, and the opportunity to make new friends in an atmosphere of friendly competition.



Team Members: Clare Funston, Prashanthi Baskaran, Isabella Price, Rebecca Glover, Sarah Black. Stephanie Shea, Arianna Sanelli, Alex Fottinger, Shauna Turney, Elizabeth Maffett, Megan MacLean. Absent: North de Pencier, Ernestine Moore-Drolet.

Robotics



Back row: L to R, Rhiannon Derbyshire, Nicole Sleeth, Lily Kadivar, Christine O' Connor, Lara Zabel, Samira Salari.
Front row: L to R: Claire van Koughnett, Stephanie Kerrigan, Neha Goel.

Absent: Jen Pelland, Fiona Stewart, Jasmine Baker, Morgen Smith, Mrs Boyd.

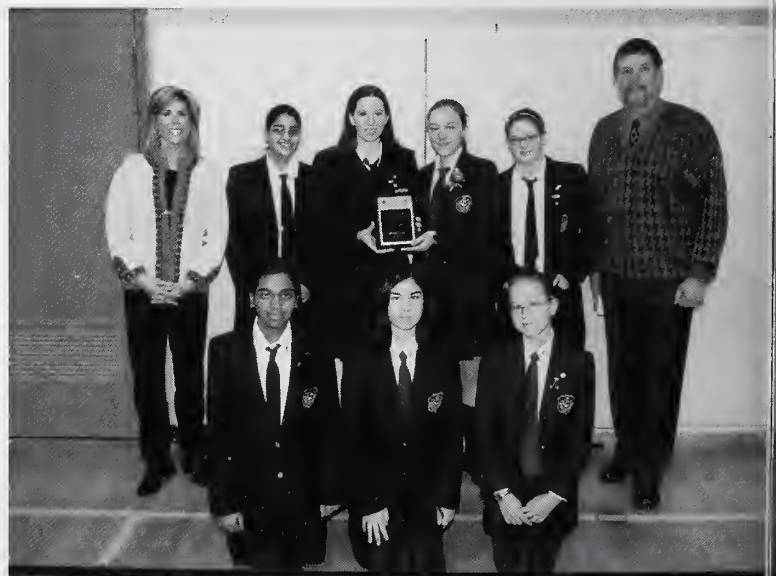
The Elmwood Robotics team for the 2002-2003 school year did not go to the CanadaFIRST robotics competition as it had done in past years. Instead, we organized an intra-school competition. Under the guidance of Mrs. Boyd and with excellent help from our indispensable team leader Christine O'Connor, a small group of dedicated students in grades nine to twelve designed and built four robots. It took a long time to get the teams started, but eventually the robots started to take shape, each one with a different personality. Each robot was built by a team from one of the four houses. Each team chose which wheels to use and what shape the robot would take. Fry House's robot, which was the first to be finished, is a sleek racing car with small rubber wheels (about 30 cm from front to back). Nightingale and Wilson came up with similar designs for more rugged cars with larger wheels (which the Wilson team had a lot of trouble attaching). The prize for innovation has to go to Keller house, whose two new robotic team members came up with a brilliant design for a cute three-wheeler. Congratulations to everyone who came out to help, especially the very few dedicated students who stuck out until the end, and a big thank you to Christine, who had the idea for an inter-house robotics competition, and to Mrs. Boyd.

Claire van Koughnett

Brain Quest

For those of you who remember the student T.V. program Reach For the Top, Brain Quest is an updated version of this popular show. Students met with Mr. Yates and occasionally Ms. Milligan once a week to quiz each other on trivia in Canadian geography, history, politics etc. They are to be commended for their dedication as they spent their lunch hours drilling each other and even prepared at home in a workbook. All their hard work paid off. When they competed against schools from across the province, they finished second. Congratulations girls. All proceeds from the event went in support of the United Way Campaign.

Club Members: Rebecca Glover, North de Pencier, Krina Merchant, Annie O'Shea, Alex DeForge, Alex Fottinger, Prashanthi Baskaran. Coaches: Mr. Yates, Ms. Milligan



Pastel Workshop



Club Members: Maggie Thompson, Larissa Zajac, Jennifer Dunbar, Sarah Russell, Julia Betts, Nazia Charania, Riaz Basi, Ruth Lark, Alessandra Cinotti, Julia Hewitt, Reba Wilson. Artist in residence Dodie Smith.



Creative Writing



This year, after rigorous try-outs, several enthusiastic writers made the team:

Ayla Fisk; Jen Blakney; Kayli Cooper; Eleni Deacon; Laura Doubleday; Kyla Dowden; Laura Glowacki; Katie King; Katherine Morrison; Alex Paterson; Sarah Russell; Caitlin Sears; Tamara Wilson; Talia Zajac

Coach George met with the team once a week to discuss strategy, practice skills, and perfect technique. Many players showed progressive improvement over the course of the year and scored personal bests. Ayla, Kyla, Katie, and Talia came through for the team to score wins in our big game of the season—the Elmwood Senior School Creative Writing Contest. The award for Most Spirited Player goes to Kyla Dowden, our resident songwriter, whose melodious cheers helped us keep our game faces on all year long. MVP this year goes to Talia Zajac who completed her first novel. Team members battled their main opponent—writer's block—with courage and the true grit displayed by all real champions. Kudos and Brava!

Classics

Classics club worked like crazy from September to May preparing for the Ontario Students Classics Conference. The conference is comprised of eighteen schools competing against each other in competitions based on ancient Greece and Rome. Most schools have teams of 30 to 45 students; Elmwood competed this year with a team of eight: Alex Billings, Alexa Gendron-O'Donnell, Stephanie Hewetson, Hannah McGechie, Caroline McLoughlin, Kristina Medow, Blair Stein, and Jessika White. Being one of the smallest teams at conference we managed to be tough competitors in all the competitions we entered, with the exception of slinging. With a skip in our step and fabric paint on our pants we managed to have great time while at conference. It was a great experience and taught each of us the true meaning of stress. No matter how much work or preparation we could have done during the year it could never have prepared us for the real deal. Spending so much time together we really became a close group. You know you've spent a lot of time together when eight teenage girls can recite in unison "No one will ever suspect me...the butterfly" while walking down crowded hallways or eating at the residence cafeteria. Being the 35th annual Ontario Students Classics Conference, Humberside hosted this year. The Elmwood team did very well in several competitions including the fashion show, one of the biggest and most popular competitions, Elmwood always does well. In accordance with the theme "Happy is he who has been able to recognize the reason for things" the show looked at suffering and its causes. The narrator being Pythia (Jessika White) the oracle and Dephi takes a look at three mortal women, Helen (Alex Billings), Cassandra (Blair Stein), Andromache (Caroline McLoughlin) and their pain. Then we showed the causes for all suffering in the world Pandora (Hannah McGechie) opens her box releasing Evil (Stephanie Hewetson) and Hope (Alexa Gendron-O'Donnell). We place second with only a 1.5 difference between the first place team and our team. We worked very hard at the chariot competition, archaeology, and skit competition. We place first for school display, scrapbook, jewellery, and girls Frisbee toss. Steph placed 4th for her small model and for her evil mask. We came in third for points per capita with 13.75 points per person. We owe many thanks to Amy Throop and Celine Bissonnette who accompanied us to conference and worked very hard judging competitions and keeping us in line. Mrs. Gillies and her team from Barrie Central helped us along the way at conference. We could never have gotten there without the help of the Administration and all the students in the club (Katie Crysdale, Rhianon Debyshire, Morgen Smith, Jess Wilson, Emily Richardson, Emily Shore, Tamara Dolan, and Fiona Stewart). Above all else Ms. Ellison has all our gratitude because she works harder than anyone else, being the head of all creative competitions at conference and managing to create a team of eight girls who can beat teams of 45 at anything to what they put their hearts. We look forward to next year with Barrie Central hosting and the theme of "Faith & Piety".» --Jessika White



Yoga



Not only is yoga an excellent physical practice, but the philosophical and spiritual doctrine upon which it is based is sure to bring heightened awareness to any practitioner. Through the teachings of Chétana Panwar, the yoga group was fortunate to learn the underlying postures of Sivanada Yoga, and to gain exposure to the philosophy that has captivated much of the Eastern World for millennia. Many thanks to everyone, especially Chétana, who made this year's practice such an enjoyable experience. I wish the best of luck to next year's yoginis. Namaste.
Sabrina Browarski

Instructor: Chétana Panwar

Members: Ayesha Basi, Sabrina Browarski, Veronica Howard, Stephanie Kerrigan, Alex Paterson, and Manon Wallenberger.

Fencing

This year's fencing team, comprised entirely of the founding fencers, has proven that dedication to a sport is the essence of athleticism. Throughout the last four years, we have thoroughly enjoyed having been exposed to as distinctive a sport as fencing. A new Middle School Fencing Team was initiated this year, which offered upcoming athletes practice in fencing. On behalf of the fencers, I would like to thank our coach, Megan Apsimon, for her unstinting support, and Dr. Kirby for initiating the fencing program. Good luck to next year's fencers!
-Sabrina Browarski

Instructor: Megan Apsimon

Members: Julia Betts, Sabrina Browarski, Nazia Charania, Sarah Russell, and Talia Zajac.



Storybook Club

During the months of February and March some students from Grades One and Two participated in Storybook Birthday Parties. The children listened to stories about favourite storybook characters.



Members included Jordan Donovan, Scout Frewer, Priyanka Goel, Trevor Haebe, Brendan Lucas, Rafi Mamdani, Connor McLaren, Sarah Melloul, Priya Muradia, Alexa Naccarato, Bradley Nesrallah, Amelia Palumbo, Emilia Pawlisz, Rebecca Boucher, Tori McIntyre, Mario Palumbo, Vaughan Rawes, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Justin Yan, Ms. Blagg and Mrs. McCaffrey.

"Yes, I will cross the waters,
Inhale the briny air,
And follow the moon's clear path
Where mermaids wouldn't dare."
By Liz Rodriguez

Ballet



Dancing releases the mind and spirit, allowing the dancer to focus on the art. This is the intention of the programme in the Junior School. Many of our dancers this year were quite young and their abilities varied considerably. None the less everyone worked to achieve a level of poise, grace, movement, balance and rhythm which was greater than what they had started. The older students were challenged the art as well, working at the barre and perfecting the positions required of the programme.

The final recital produced some interesting choreography by the teacher, Ms. Filleul assisted by Gwen Cowley, one of our Grade students. Our dancers took us to the seashore where the colours of the sea adorned our dancers; pink, blue, green and white. Have a wonderful summer dancers as you "frolic in the sea."

Peer Helpers



Peer Helpers: Shalta Dicaire, Aleana Young, Anne Murphy, Nora Altan, Victoria Metz, Julie Pickering, Sarah McDonald, Caroline Hunt, Sarah Quinn, Stephanie Ramsey, Jillian Normand, Rhiannon Derbyshire.

This year the Peer Helping program took up where it left off, with five training sessions, a conference in April on Lake Couchiching and very successful leadership and goal setting conference late in May. Our program has expanded growing from the original 6 members to a group that incorporates students from grade's nine, ten, eleven and twelve. Our trip to Lake Couchiching was an exciting and eventful trip, and we were able to learn valuable skills from captivating and dynamic speakers (some of whom would later come to Elmwood to speak at our leadership conference), and meet other students involved in the Peer Helping program from all over Ontario. We have such wonderful girls involved in the program that I am sure it will be successful and appreciated by the school for many years to come. Many thanks to Ms. Bates for putting up with us, accompanying us on our trip, and helping us organize our conference, and to Ms. Bennett who trained us as Peer Helpers and was one of the organizers of the Lake Couchiching conference.

Aleana Young

Jr. School Science Club



French Club



Back row: L to R, Mlle Eaman, Sarah Black, Rebecca Glover, Kirsten Boomer, Mme Sabourin
Front row: L to R, Alicia Timmons, Erica Tilson, Liz Maffet, Alex DeForge, Amina Ibrahim.

Le jour 3, une douzaine d'élèves du niveau intermédiaire se rencontraient dans la salle 201 pour jaser, partager *de la bonne bouffe* tout en améliorant leur français de façon amusante et en participant à des jeux, des conversations et des saynètes comiques. Le jeu le plus populaire a été de loin celui du 'dictionnaire' où le but est de choisir un mot que personne ne connaît, puis d'inventer un tas de mauvaises définitions qu'on ajoute à la bonne et ensuite de deviner la bonne définition parmi toutes les possibilités partagées. Ça nous a fait tellement rire!! On aimait aussi jouer au 'Tabou' où une joueuse faisait deviner un mot ou une expression à ses co-équipières sans utiliser certains mots défendus ou *tabous*.

Le Club de français nous a permis de nous détendre, de nous amuser, de passer quelques moments de répit entre amies au beau milieu d'une longue journée de cours. Un grand merci à nos *profs*, Mlle Eaman et Mme Sabourin, qui ont pris l'initiative de nous offrir cette activité agréable. Bonnes vacances à toutes, et bonne chance l'année prochaine!!

Junior Arts & Crafts



Sabrina Villeneuve, Anuja Sinha, Charlotte O'Neill, Lyndsay Kotarba, Julia Fottinger, Stephanie Pratapas, Emily Alexander, Irena Wight, Caroline Mierins, Julia E, Bachel Garbutt, Silya Shenassa, Victoria Loeb, Heather McDonald, Jenny Shepherd, Monica Mikhael, Cleo Clatney, Taylor Flynn, Kelly Hunter, Laura Haebe.



In January and February, we had Arts and Crafts Clubs for Grades Four and Five. It was on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson organized it. We did lots of fun things! We made a painting of four hearts; we then had to make the hearts into something. Another thing was to make a painting of a flower, paint over the flower with dark blue paint, and stick it under the sink. Then let them dry. The third artwork we did was a pastel butterfly. I'm sure that everyone enjoyed it, and I would love to do it again next year! Julia Fottinger, Grade 4

Samara

Go ahead

Turn around

See the shape

*If your footprints
in the Sand.*

Castle Marmion Silko

September-2002 ushered in not only a brand new school year at Elmwood, but also another year of wonderful memories to be recorded in Samara. With two new editors who were promising to be *much* more organized than last year, Samara hit the ground running with plans to completely revitalize the book. Trying to put up to 4 times the number of

pictures than in past years, and accommodating a graduating class that created by far the largest Grad section in the history of the book, is by no means a small feat! We are quite pleased with the grad. section of the book. We not only have their graduation and baby photos in colour, but the also have at least 4 full colour photos per page. We wanted to up date the book by giving it a less formal look and one of the ways to do this was to create double page spreads. You'll see the effect in the new academic section. This section is the result of attending a workshop and seeing that most yearbooks have a part of their book devoted to the learning activities in the school. The result is tons of pictures of teachers doing what they do best-

working with students. As always, our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. McCabe who made our job easier by taking lots and lots of great photos and Mrs. Bradley for helping us put it all together. Mrs. Couture-Luk helped us with the Junior School. Hopefully, you will find things in the book that you had forgotten and the memory of them will bring a smile to your face. This is what Samara is asked to do year after year. It records the history of a year in the life of the school. How much of you you find here, will have depended on whether or not you seized the opportunities offered. If you said that you were too busy, or there was nothing that interested you, you sure missed out on a lot. It is with great pride that we bring you a record of 2002-2003 school year at Elmwood.



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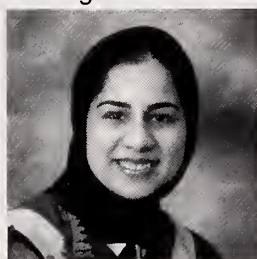
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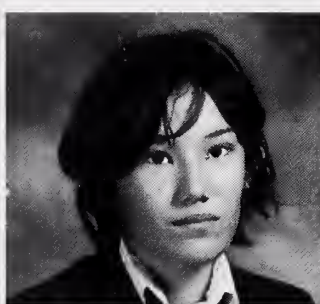
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Student Life

Club Members: Melissa Msimanga, Samaneh Salari, Dalia Shabib, Amy Boyle, Dena El Sayed, Kyla Macleod, Morgen Smith, Salma Ibrahim, Laura Glowacki, Caroline Boyle, Rhiannon Derbyshire (co-editor), Katie Crysdale (co-editor), Katie Lark, Melissa Partridge, Nicola Burke, Jennifer Tigner, Crystal Sun, Jessica White.

Senior Improv



Team Members: Kristen Shameless, Sarah Charbonneau,
Laura Doubleday, Katherine Morrison

Improv this year has been a real learning experience. For the first time in Elmwood history, we participated in the Improv Games. Under the direction of Ms. Doig and Ms. McCurdy, the team worked hard learning the basic rules of Improv. We collaborated to come up with some excellent scenes and everyone's hard work paid off. People were certainly impressed by Elmwood's talent and enthusiasm. The team is made up of interesting, clever and creative girls whose determination set us apart in the Games. Thanks again to Ms. Doig and Ms. McCurdy, who helped us to succeed. Good luck to next year's team, we know you're going to do a fabulous job!

Kristen Shameless and Sarah Charbonneau

Middle Improv

This year the Middle School Improv team was much larger than last year. In fact most members were in grade six and seven. We met in a variety of locations-the meeting place being as much of an impromptu decision as the games themselves. The team started with fairly simple improv warm-up games, or drills, and quickly worked their way up to improvising entire scenes based on information provided by the audience (usually Ms. D and Ms. Potter Mal). We like to think of this as stacking the deck when it comes to building a solid competitive team in high school. Based on the enthusiasm and skill this year, Elmwood is assured a strong senior Improv team for years to come.

Ms. Doig



Team Members: Katie Yelle, Samantha Lamontagne, Cecilia Culver-Grey, Rachel Stein, Larrisa Zajac, Marisa Ashley, Erin Kerr, Julie Sutton, Stephanie Hunt, Lindsey Hunt, Sophia Lal, Bronwyn Thomson, Raisa Patel.
Ms. Doig, Ms. Potter-Mäl (coaches)

Math Olympics



Team Members: Stephanie Hunt, Hannah Paterson, Alex Fottinger. Absent: Alex DeForge. Mrs. Clubine (coach)

Four Middle School students comprised the team for the Math Olympics competition this year. Grade 7 students Hannah Paterson and Stephanie Hunt with Grade 8 students Alex DeForge and Alex Fottinger formed a team with Ashbury. The students met at lunch to expand their minds with challenging Math activities and ideas. On the competition day, Sat. April 26/03, they were met by 60 other teams from across the Ottawa Carleton Public and Catholic Board as well as other independent schools.

They participated in a wide variety of activities ranging from Super Tangrams to breaking codes in Cryptology. Although the team did not place in the medals, they enjoyed the day.

Mrs. Clubine

Science Olympics



Team Members: Jasmine Baker, Hope Villeneuve, Ayla Fisk, Anneka Richmond, Heather Armstrong, Rhiannon Derbyshire, Jessica Tien, Crystal Sun, Jen Tigner, Maja Campara, Abanti Zakaria, Prashanthi Baskaran, Sammie Lindsay. Coach: Julie Boyd.

Amnesty International



back row: left-right: Manon Wallenberger, Julie Pickering, Katja Scholz, Samira Salari, Nicky Lightstone, Morgen Smith, Jessica White, Salma Ibrahim, Rhiannon Derbyshire. front row: left-right: Katie Crysdale, Anaïs Kadian, Nicole Sleeth.

For the first time at Elmwood, a group of girls have been meeting up once a week at lunch for the Amnesty International Club. About 15 of us came together to discuss current issues, political events, and ways in which we could help. Early in the year we took on the project of defending Amina Lawal, and created a beautiful petition in her honor which we have sent to a Women's Rights Group in Nigeria. We also took up long-term action to help the people of Western Africa through various other organizations. We planned a civics day for the school in the name of Amina Lawal and were able to hand out information for the students on various days. We have achieved so much in our first year. We hope the group will become a permanent part of Elmwood!

Anaïs Kadian

The word *otaku* is commonly used to describe fans of Japanese Animation. In a literal translation, the word *otaku* is Japanese for fanatic, describing a member of the geek subculture. It's really supposed to be a derogatory expression.

Despite this, we managed to round up the people that don't mind being called *otaku*, and we made a club for anime fans to learn about the Japanese culture we love so much. Our first year was quite successful. We stomped along to Dance Dance Revolution, had a sushi party, were given cookies by our new Japanese sister school, and, of course, we watched anime whilst eating large quantities Pocky.

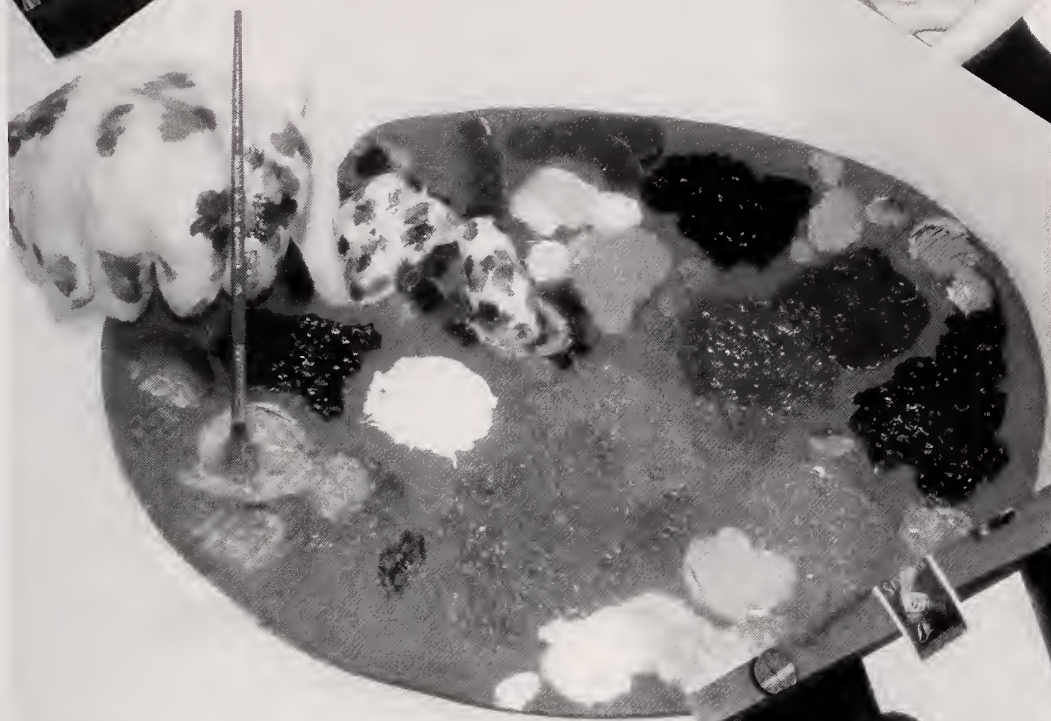
Being an *otaku* has never been so much fun, especially since it gives you an excuse to watch TV in school! Let's hope the club starts up again next year, to spread the message to the masses: anime isn't a cartoon; it's a way of life!

Jessica Wilson

Animé



back row: left-right: Stephanie Hjartarson, Ayla Fisk, Jasmine Baker, Jessica Wilson, Emily Richardson, Jennifer Blakney, Kayli Cooper. front row: left-right: Jennifer Pelland, Caroline Leslie, Susan Shore.



Art and Literature

Reaching for our creative side

Creative Writing Contest Winners

Betta Splendens Moribundus

By Talia Zajac
Best Poem Gr. 12

Quietly you lie on your side,
Your copper eyes looking anxiously
Round and round and round:
The Siamese emperor's boxer,
Encased in chain mail,
A floating Byzantine mosaic:
Scarlet, gold and summer-evening purple.

Soulless,
Still Saint Francis' brother,
Your coat the many jeweled hues
Joseph's must have been.

I have been warmed,
Helped to learn of Adam's duty to
All creatures great and small.

Pathetic and pitiful, you are
A living paintbrush stroke...so
I feel a pang within me when
I look down on a
Little white tumour on
Your little finned frame.

On the White Cliffs of Dover

By Rebecca-Rose Loeb
Best Poem: Gr. 7

On the white cliffs of Dover, shrouded with gray mist
There sits a lady dressed in white, she has beautiful
sapphire eyes.

She stares directly towards the white, raging sea,
She sits there like a statue.

A majestic marble statue.

Silently, she gets up, trailing her white gown
behind her.

She stands before the sea
Before her death!

She dives gracefully into the perilous sea, never to
be seen again.

A pure white dove rises from the
foam.

The dove had deep sapphire eyes, and
is cooing softly

A Stormy Day

By Sonya Wadhera
Best Poem Gr. 6

The clouds are dark
and
It's about to rain,
The clouds start to
thunder
As if there is pain,

The winds starts to
howl
Blowing the leaves,
Lightning strikes
Shaking the trees,

It seems like a dragon
Is flapping its wings,
As fire comes out of its mouth
As it sings,

The rain starts to drop
And the clouds come together,
The sun doesn't dare come out
In this type of weather,

Slowly the rain
Comes to an end,
And the sun comes out
With happiness to send

The Sea

By Clare Funston
Best Poem Gr. 8

The sea takes its time, takes its own sweet time,
Combing beaches with a careless ease,
It picks up a stone, running wave over line,
Tugging gently on wrinkle and crease,

Turning it over in perceptive hands,
Draws every mark, every dent, every wave,
Beholds a beauty, shaped of no demand,
Life captured by each delicate scar engraved,

Held now softly, in the ocean's hand,
The lines grow weary, tired and old,
As the stories of the world are swept up in the sand,
And with time, another stone is formed,

Yes, the sea takes her own sweet time,
Writing stories in the cooling sand,
And she smiles to herself as she thinks up a rhyme,
Of a stone she once held in her hand.

Darkness

By Raisa Patel
Best Poem Gr. 7

Darkness. Just that word sends chills down my spine.
It looms around me.
It is closing in around me.
Now I hear screams. Low bloodcurdling screams.
Noise envelops me.
My eyes shut. I see nothing.
Sweat drips down my forehead.
Now a shimmering wave caresses me.
I start to see things now.
But the shape turns terrible.
It is a blob that turns into a child's worst nightmare.
I try to scream, but my throat utters no sound.
I try to run, but my legs are heavy.
I cannot escape.
I do not know where I am.
Now it is still darkness.
I feel around me.
I seem to be floating, but on what?
The screams continue.
Heat sweeps over me.
I try to glance about, but my eyes won't budge.
Now I cannot move.
My stomach churns.
Then an icy blow swirls into a misty shadow.
What is it?
I feel no pain, but I am crying.
The screaming drones on.
I am shivering slightly. Then I start to shake.
Suddenly, there is complete darkness.
Silence.
It is over.

Beneath the Twisted Sheets

By Ayla Fisk
Best Poem Gr. 9

The last thought that hurdled
Through the mountains of my mind,
Hardly reached the jagged peaks
Before it tumbled down through time.
Perhaps if the sky was clear and
The goblet's fluid never boiled
Perhaps we would have stayed longer
Or would have harder toiled.
Dramatics held no significance
We chose the anticlimactic end,
The only noise the sighs of life
As its finish was slowly end.
The hours before had resonated
Tension building wildly before relief
But prophetic speeches had finished
Leaving a bleached version of grief.
Sliced version of our flesh had
Been offered, sacrificed and held,
With gritty blood having left tattoos
That repelled even as they excelled.
The true last thought given
Before my mind's power began to seep
Was how beneath the twisted sheets
Our sculptured scars had made some
weep.

Wave

By Larissa Zajac
Best Poem Gr. 8

A single low tone.
Then a voice cuts through the silence.
More, more join in.
They build up, gather momentum,
Stronger, richer, faster, faster
And suddenly-
I am lifted up.

Closing my eyes,
I see colors and textures,
Waving like flags
And flowing together beautifully
To create a mosaic,
But more alive,
More abstract.

It moves, it flows,
With such incredible intensity
And the vibrations envelop me
Like a silken cloth.

A thousand layers,
A thousand feelings,
Flowing in perfect harmony.

Softer, then softer still,
It moves into the distance.
But the feeling remains,
Ringing in my ears.

Kyla's Future

By Kyla Dowden

Best Short Story Winner Grade 12

I am engaged to my computer engineer boyfriend, Leotard McStocking, who is half my height. We are living in Quebec in a high-rise. We are ecstatically happy together. We have one dog called Sally, whom Leotard REALLY loves, because they have known each other casually for about six years. I have my own pet fish, Fluffy, to whom I am particularly attached. The four of us spend every waking hour together. We have a Friday night game night in which we play yatzee and monopoly, until...I wake up one morning to find myself in an empty bed. I walk around the apartment to find that Sally is gone too. I am alone with Fluffy.

I find a note on the fridge. It reads "yes, I can write." I look around. I am scared. I hear noises – faint laughing. It is coming from the corner of the kitchen. FLUFFY! He has look of mischief in his eyes. "Fluffy" I say, "Where are Leotard and Sally?" he swims around in three circles. "I ate Leotard and sold Sally" he replies, laughing. I scream. Then cry. Then leave the apartment. I must start a new life.

Significance

By Talia Sechley

Best Short Story Winner Grade 9

Idle hours inch by as I float, never caring, never wanting, not even thinking that it is possible to care or want. It is strange, when your own problems seem to rest on others' shoulders, and you do not even feel guilty.

Of course, I am Companion, Sympathiser, Answer, Genius, and Inspiration. I am confided in, complained to, envied, and trusted with someone's deepest, darkest secrets – sometimes. Sometimes I am an essential part of someone's day; an oasis; the only sane part of their somewhat difficult life. I bring someone back to earth when her head is stuck in the clouds because I listen.

I can be ridiculous, and yet I am never ridiculed; foolish, but never criticized. I wander in my own little world, oblivious to those around me, and yet I fail no one's expectations.

You might say that I have a fine life, that I am happy, and truth be told, you would not be too wrong, yet there is one thing that bothers me:

I am lonely.

Starry Night

By Williamina Deneault

Best Short Story Winner Grade 9

My name is Isabella Bernard. My few friends used to call me Izzy, but now I'm alone. I ran away from home after my dad died and my Mom didn't know what to do except drink and go out with guys who treated her badly. One day in June, I was getting ready for school when my Mom and then her boyfriend, Jeff, got in another argument. I could tell he was obviously drunk and that he didn't care what he did or what happened. He started yelling at me and my Mom was crying in the background. She had a bleeding nose and I could tell he had hit her. I saw her shriveled up in the corner and as he yelled more and more I went for him. I took his arm and tried to swing him around, but he was stronger and pushed me to the ground, I tried to fight back but he was too big. I could hear my Mom in the background yelling at him, telling him to get off me, to leave me alone. He started hitting me and all I could see was my Mom coming up to him. She pulled him away from me and told me to run away. I ran and as I ran all I could hear was my Mom...

Untitled

By Marielle McGovern

Best Short Story Winner Grade 10

I sat on the windowsill paralyzed by silence and bitter cold. This large room always seems filled with the chill brought with the winter winds that gust through the peculiar corridors. As I sat on the embroidered cushion I felt enveloped by the sadness that encompassed this room since Jonathan's death. Previously, this room had been my favorite. It has soaring ceilings that were painted with mischievous sprites and creatures scurrying about the thick woodlands of Ireland. The furniture was hand crafted to resemble the mural covering the ceiling. The chairs and bureaus were a deep mahogany color and were made with sturdy oak. They would keep their lustre for centuries to come. The towering bookshelves were filled with thousands of my late husband's preferred readings. I peered intently through the patterns of ice that had formed on the windowpane. These mosaics were eerily beautiful as the various shapes were intertwined across the glass.

Why the Wolf hunts the Caribou

By Isabella Price

Best Short Story Winner Grade 7

The wolverine passionately hated the wolf and took every chance to cause ill to her. The seal, the musk ox, and the caribou all knew of this. The wolf did not, though the other animals thought she did. One winter's night, the wolf gave birth to three beautiful pups. She loved them fiercely, and she taught them all she knew of the world. The wolverine was wandering near the den of the wolf, was asked by the wolf to guard her pups, while she went out to drink water in a nearby lake. The wolverine, wishing to do harm to the wolf, crept into her den, and ate her pups, one by one. The wolverine enjoyed his task, but afterwards he realized that he couldn't get the blood off his muzzle. The, he had an idea. Creeping up to the caribou, who was sleeping a few paces from the cave with her calf, he smeared some of the blood from his own muzzle on to the caribou.

The Other Woman

By Katie King

Best Poem Grade 10

It's been two years since she last saw his face,
It's been two years since she's felt his breathe on
her cheek,
His scent on her skin,
His whisper in her ear.
She left him, without a trace, to find something new,
something safe.
But she couldn't let go,
She kept all his e-mails, phone calls, and keeps
them to remember him by.
Today is the day that she will see that face again,
Today she will tell him how much she loves him.
She's in her car, parked by the side walk,
She takes some pink lipstick, his favorite one, and
presses it against her thin, soft lips.
She steps out of the car, into a new world,
With love, and laughter, and just him and her.
Her golden hair tussles in the wind,
She's wearing the sting of pearls he gave her the
day she left.
She walks up the steps that feel like forever.
She knocks on the door, and waits to hear his soft
footsteps come to meet her.
She hears someone, her heart begins to pound.
Today is the day she will tell him.
The door opens, and it's someone else... another
woman.
She has soft dark hair, and a smile on her face,
Her belly is round, and she carries a child in her
chubby hands.
It's all over, all over... how could she be so stupid as
to let this happen?
She can't speak, for if she does she'll know the truth,
That there's another woman.

The Answer at your Fingertips

By Forrest Hartman

Best Short Story Winner Grade 7

Melissa's dark skin tingles with excitement. Her blue eyes danced in wonder as she raced out of the closet and off to her 'laboratory' high up in the attic on the fourth floor. She took her magnifying glass and examined the brooch from all angles. When she held it at what she figured was 130 degrees, it looked semi-transparent, and there seemed to be something in the middle. She suddenly realized that she hadn't even looked at the scrap of paper that was also in the little hole. In fact she had forgotten to bring it upstairs with the brooch.

She raced out of the little lab, slid down the two banisters and hurried right by her Great Grandmother's bedroom. She came to a stop in front of the closet with the blue tiles. She found the crevice again and grabbed the paper. It almost fell to bits in her hand.

"Yikes, I better hold this carefully," Melissa thought, and back up the stairs she went.

In her room again, she slowly opened the bent piece of dried paper. Some of the words had almost worn away with age. This is what she could make out;

Dear Dora;

Pleas_ forg_v_ me. O_en t__ br_ oc_b brushing th
t_p d_w_ a_d pulling o_t_e jew_l.

L_v_ Ed_a_d

The Not-so-Perfect Powers

By Katie Portner Gartke

Best Short Story Grade 6

When upstairs in the safety of her bedroom, Berry whipped out her science homework and laid it on her bed. "I've got to find out!" Berry said out loud. "Find out what?" her brother, John, asked, stepping into the room. "Whether or not I have special powers," she said, knowing very well that her brother wouldn't believe her. "Whatever," John said, and walked down the hall to his room.

Berry shut the door and took a deep breath. She closed her eyes, and pointed her finger at her science homework. She then whispered, "I wish it were done." She stayed still for a moment, and then opened her eyes. There, lying on the bed was her completed science homework. "It worked!" she screamed, jumping on the bed, "It really, really worked!" "Are you alright Berry?" her mother called up the stairs. "I've never been better," she replied, giving herself a smile in the mirror.

At that moment, a cry came from John's room at the end of the hall. Berry raced to her brother's room and flung open the door. There sat John, clutching his hand, which had a big piece of lead sticking out of it. "What happened?" Berry asked. "Oh, I uh...I accidentally stuck my pencil lead in my hand. I know it sounds stupid, but I was trying to put it into my pencil." "Well, you should try and be more careful, then!" Berry said, and plucked out the lead.



Rebeca Glover, Erica Weinstein and Arianna Sanelli Gr. 8

Forgotten

By Morgen Smith
Grade 10

O fickle lust of the minds eye
A serpent entwined around a rose
Sweet lies enveloping the subtle beast
But, how could a rose dote on a simple fern?

Once hazy horizons are lifted
By a simple glance, a friendly word.
All-consuming passion once flowing freely
Is stopped by the hard barriers of society.

Cast-aside,
Forgotten in the presence of the Important
Breaking to pieces,
Left to resume, the cold position of exclusion.



Whitney Lewis Smith Gr. 12





Elly Smallwood Gr. 8



Melissa Msimange Gr. OAC



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Nicola Benedickson Gr. 12





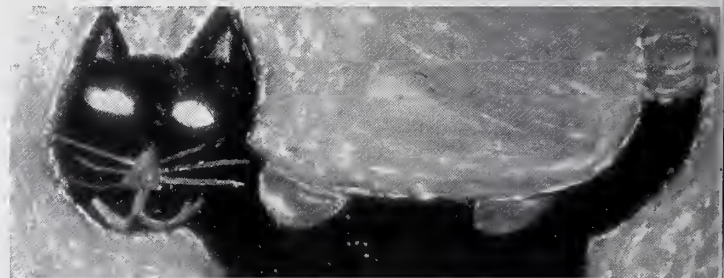
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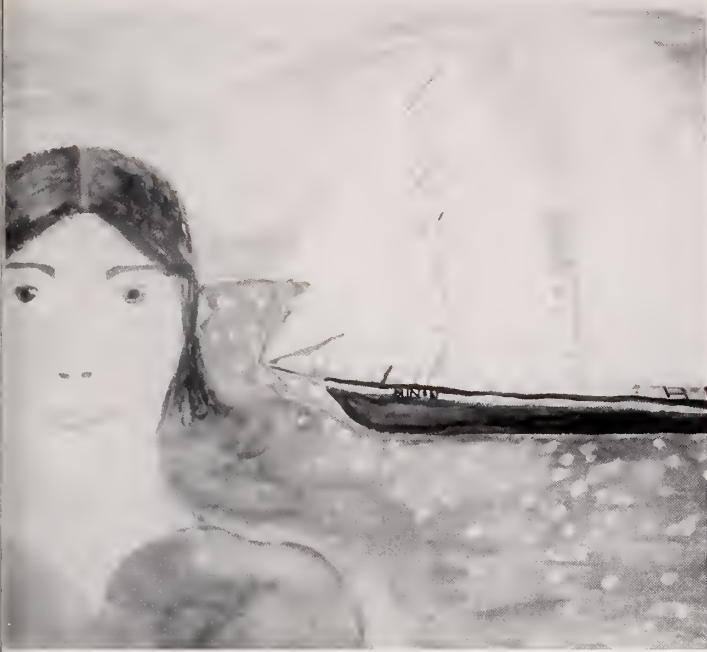
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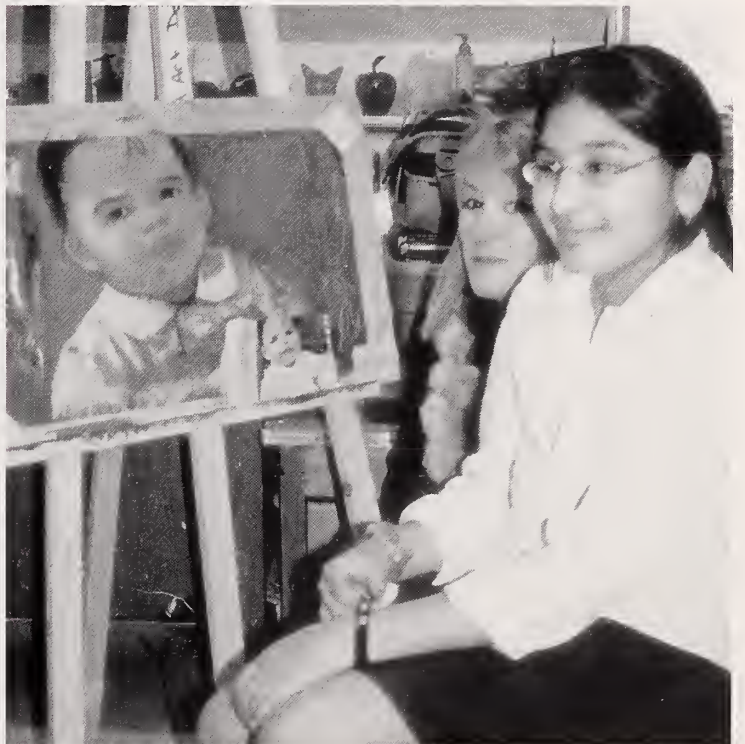
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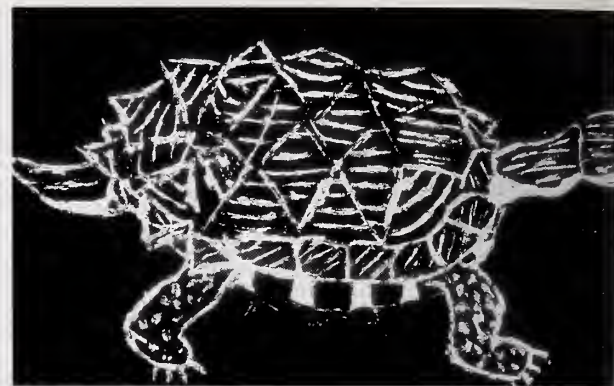
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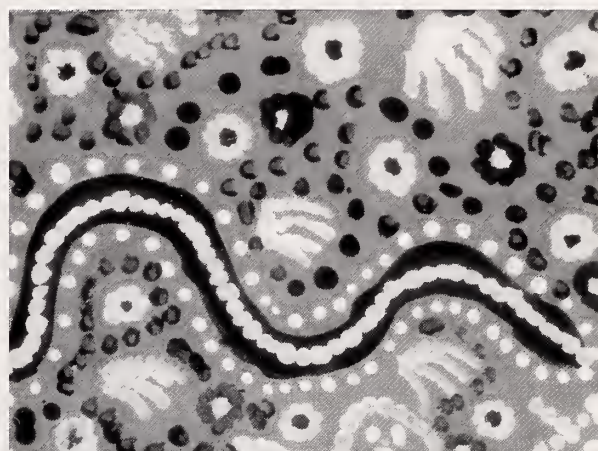
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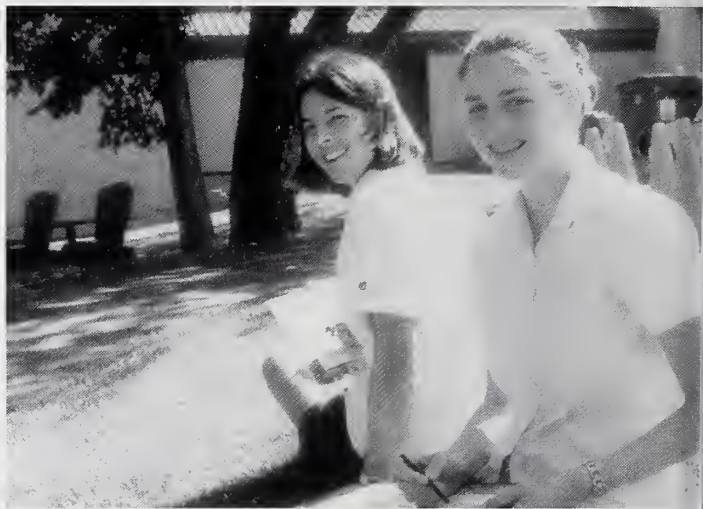


Mario Palumbo Gr. 2



Stephanie Gaty Gr. 12







Leaching out

Finale



Parting Picnic



A sunny morning heralded the beginning of a journey back in time for our juniors on Friday, June 6. Everyone boarded the buses to travel to the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum for the day. Some of the students and staff fell right into the spirit of the event, and arrived at school that morning dressed in the attire of the late 1800's, or early 1900's. There were coveralls, straw hats, long skirts and dresses, shirts and vests, and even boots to walk the dusty roadways. The morning was spent with the museum's interpreters. Each class visited all of the sites such as the old school house, the Vars train station, the antique fire hall, the church, and two old homes. Our lunch was eaten in the shade under the pavilion. Ice cream cones were an added treat for all. In the afternoon everyone had a chance to visit the farm animal and have a ride on the wagon. The band shell became a great place for a little old time dancing too. The day went by so quickly that before we knew it, we were back in the year 2003 and heading towards our school. It was a super day for all even if we had to say farewell to our Grade 5's as they move on into the main school building and to Rebecca Willems, our devoted prefect. Good luck to all of you!





Junior School Closing

OUTSTANDING EFFORT IN A SPECIFIC AREA OF THE CURRICULUM

Art
Creativity
English
French
Information Studies
Math
Music
Physical and Health Education
Science
Social Science
Sciences Sociales

5 Laura Haebe
5 Vanessa Morgan Mziray
5 Katherine Hales
5 Rebecca Wilson
5 Kelly O'Connor
5 Julie E
5 Madeleine Newton
5 Emily Alexander
5 Caroline Mierins
5 Jacki McMurray
5 Rachel Garbutt



CONSISTENT EFFORT IN ALL AREAS

4 Heather McDonald
4 Priya Wadhera
5 Haley Abugov
5 Jenna Wilson

HOUSE AWARDS

House points are given for academic performance, leadership responsibilities, athletic participation, membership in clubs, and for helpful and co-operative behaviour. Students who have accumulated 150 points by Grade 5 are awarded the Emerald "E".

This year, the following students are awarded the **Emerald "E"** for their academic achievement, participation, enthusiasm and spirit.

Haley Abugov, Julia E, Katherine Hales, Caroline Mierins, Rebecca Wilson

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION AWARD

..... Katherine Hales

Presented to the student who has demonstrated through voluntary activity a sense of civic responsibility, a spirit of co-operation and a commitment to school life and the continued success of Elmwood.

MACLEAN PRIZE

..... Megan Grey

Awarded to the outstanding student in the Junior School best demonstrating proficiency in English Literature, particularly in the field of poetry.



Middle School Closing



Merit Awards

Merit Awards are awarded to students in Grades 6-8 with year averages of 80% or over.

Grade 6

Ashley Adams, Marisa Ashley, Alicia Bartlett, Sara Bastianelli, Emily Baxter, Laurie Biewald, Justine Boomer, Rachelle-Zoe Bonneville, Lindsay Bryden, Maria Elena Clark, Sarah Coyne, Sophia Dhalla, Anita E, Larissa Fulop, Caroline Garel-Jones, Shilpa Goel, Elizabeth Huffaker, Lindsey Hunt, Sandy Kechichian, Sophia Lal, Katherine McDonald, Alison Miller, Kaya Nagayo, Raisa Patel, Kate Portner -Gartke, Nikola Ruddy, Sarah Shaikhali, Christine Soong, Rachel Stein, Julie Sutton, Bronwyn Thomson, Sonya Wadhera.



Grade 7

Dana Achtemichuk, Ashley Babcock Brooks, Anneka Bakker, Prashanthi Baskaran, Nicolle Bonar, Hilary Brown, Julia Campbell, Nicole Campbell, Shamila Charania, Rebecca Cheff, Megan Cody, Rachel Currie, Kylie Flynn, Kimberly Fung, Sophie Goss, Maja Greenspon, Stephanie Hunt, Rachel Hutchinson, Toika Kanters, Elizabeth Kelly, Erin Kerr, Samantha Lamontagne, Rebecca Le Fevre, Valerie Lemelin, Jennifer Le Pan, Samantha Lindsay, Rebecca-Rose Loeb, Alanna Mar, Karin McDowell, Kaleigh McMurray, Krina Merchant, Anita Malik, Alexis Martineau, Sarah Merkley, Annie O'Shea, Hannah Paterson, Isabella Price, Jasmine Rasuli, Vera Qi-Lin, Emily Rack, Olivia Scott, Anisha Sinha, Sarah Swift, Rosa Tran, Rachel Witherspoon, Katie Yelle, Dana Zhalko-Tyarenko.



Secondary School Entrance Scholarships

Sarah Black, Alexandra DeForge, Emma Duret, Alexandra Fottinger, Sonia Hussein, Alicia Kerrigan, Meaghan MacLean, Elizabeth Maffett, Emily Mattiussi, Christiane McGovern, Ishani Nath, Taylar Reid, Stephanie Shea, Margo Vachon, Larissa Zajac.

HOUSE AWARDS

House points are given for academic performance, leadership responsibilities, athletic participation, membership in clubs and for helpful and co-operative behaviour. In order to win a House Letter, a total of 150 points from Grades 6-8 must be accumulated. The following students are honoured for their academic achievement, participation, enthusiasm and spirit.

The Silver "E", for the accumulation of 300 points from Grades 6-8 is awarded to: Sarah Black, North de Pencier, Alexandra Fottinger, Christiane McGovern, Christine McLellan, Taylar Reid.

Grades 9 - 11 Closing

MERIT AWARDS

Merit Awards are awarded to students in Grades 9-11 with year averages of 80% or over.

Grade 9

Nazik Amdiss, Jasmine Baker, Alex Billings, Marnie Brown, Virginia Brown, Sarah Buchan, Anna Cameron, Jenny Cheetham, Megan Cheung, Sophie Chiasson, Erin Coultry, Gwen Cowley, Willie Deneault, Iris E, Ayla Fisk, Maura Furlong-MacInnis, Amanda Garbutt, Kerri Haynes, Stephanie Hjartarson, Erica Hoe, Erin Horwitz, Elizabeth Howard, Katharine Howard, Christine Johnston, Teagan Jones, Caroline Kingston, Anne Kirvan, Rosemary Lazier, Lorena Mason, Anna McKay, Kate Meehan, Alexandra Mierins, Alex Pattee, Sarah Quinn, Parysa Salemi, Talia Sechley, Angela Skaff, Blair Stein, Nora Sultan, Courtney Smith, Stephanie Tannis, Jessica Thompson, Marisha Tardif, Sandra van der Jagt, Emily White, Elizabeth Wilson, Karlye Wong.

Grade 10

Maryam Al-Ali, Stephanie Arsenijevic, Ayesha Basi, Luise Birgelen, Kate Biffeld, Maja Campara, Laura Doubleday, Alix Dudley, Sara Duplancic, Kaylyn Fraser, Alexa Gendron-O'Donnell, Gillian Graham, Laura Kerrigan, Katie King, Alexandra Knight, Monique Larson, Jade Legault, Karen Leung, Nicky Lightstone, Agathe Maire, Alexandra McClenahan, Hannah McGeachie, Marielle McGovern, Kristina Medow, Katherine Morrison, Emily Nadolny, Sandra Sharpe, Morgen Smith, Crystal Sun, Jennifer Tigner, Jessica Venables, Jessica White, Sarah Yan, Abanti Zakaria.

Grade 11

Christina Amundsen, Heather Armstrong, Jennifer Blakney, Katie Crysdale, Ridhi Davada, Rhiannon Derbyshire, Shalta Dicaire, Alexandra Duret, Sarah Edwards, Aleana Fullerton-Young, Neha Goel, Nadia Ham Pong, Caroline Hunt, Salma Ibrahim, Anais Kadian, Alexandra Keys, Alexandra Kirvan, Shafaq Latif, Marion Liang, Jessica Loeb, Lauren MacLean, Sarah McDonald, Victoria Metz, Laurence Mouttham, Anne Murphy, Julie Pickering, Laure Pitfield, Stephanie Ramsay, Anneka Richmond, Samira Salari, Katja Scholz, Nicole Sleeth, Anjali Tejuja, Jessica Tien, Mary Jane Tingley, Claire van Koughnett, Catherine Wilson.

HOUSE AWARDS

The following students are honoured for their academic achievement, participation, enthusiasm and spirit.

The Golden "E", for the accumulation of 500 House Points from Grades 9-12, is awarded to: Rhiannon Derbyshire

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Margaret White Scholarship: Emma Godmere

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Academic Scholarships: Ayesha Basi, Laura Doubleday, Alix Dudley, Sara Duplancic, Alexa Gendron-O'Donnell, Laura Kerrigan, Karen Leung, Hannah McGeachie, Marielle McGovern, Sandra Sharpe, Sarah Yan, Abanti Zakaria.

Old Girls' Scholarship	Jennifer Tigner
Campeau Foundation Scholarship	Christine Johnston
Norma Davies Scholarship	Katherine Morrison
Milena Sigmund Scholarship	Morgen Smith

AWARDS

Margaret Doetsch Cup for Senior Latin	11	Rhiannon Derbyshire
Outstanding Effort Award	11	Shafaq Latif
Samara Editor's Award	11	Katie Crysdale
	11	Rhiannon Derbyshire
Parents & Friends Association Award	11	Rhiannon Derbyshire
Judy and Margot Toller Memorial Award	11	Sarah Edwards
	11	Catherine Wilson
Fiona Nicolson Creativity Prize	10	Caroline Boyle
Vice Principal's Leadership Award for Initiative	10	Luise Birgelen
	11	Julie Pickering

Academic Excellence Awards (For Excellence in Many Subjects)

Civics, English, French, Histoire, Math, Physical Education, Science and Spanish	9	Sarah Buchan
English, French, Histoire and Science	9	Blair Stein
French, Geography, Latin, Physical Education, and Science	9	Karlye Wong
French, Histoire, Math and Science	10	Luise Birgelen
Art, Drama, French, History, Math, Science and Spanish	10	Laura Doubleday
Drama, English, French and Music	10	Sara Duplancic
Art, Drama, English, French, Histoire, Latin and Math	10	Katherine Morrison
Chemistry, French and Functions/Relations	11	Alexandra Duret
Art, Classics, French, Functions/Relations and Physics	11	Claire van Koughnett

Subject Awards

Art	10	Sarah Yan
	9	Ayla Fisk
Biology	11	Sarah McDonald
Career Studies	9	Anne Kirvan
Chemistry (Grade 11)	10	Agathe Maire
Classics	11	Catherine Wilson
Communications Technology	10	Maryam Al-Ali
	11	Jessica Tien
Drama	9	Willie Denault
	10	Ayesha Basi
	11	Anne Murphy
Economics	11	Jessica Tien
English	9	Ayla Fisk
	10	Alix Dudley
	11	Stephanie Ramsey
French	9	Alexandra Mierins
	9	Rosemary Lazier
	11	Caroline Hunt
French (Extended)	9	Jenny Cheetham
	10	Alexa Gendron-O'Donnell
	11	Laurence Mouttham
	11	Anais Kadian
German	9	Talia Sechley
Geography	9	Talia Sechley
Géographie	9	Alex Billings
Healthy Active Living	9	Anne Kirvan
	10	Laura Kerrigan
	11	Victoria Metz
History - Civics	9	Erin Coultry
Histoire	10	Marielle McGovern
History	10	Hannah McGeachie
	11	Julie Pickering
Latin	9	Iris E
Mathematics	9	Iris E
	10	Sandra Sharpe
Mathematics (Grade 11 Functions)	10	Agathe Maire
Mathematics - Functions & Relations	11	Ridhi Davida
Mathematics - Personal Finance	11	Jennifer Blakney
Music	9	Jenny Cheetham
	10	Maja Campara
	11	Nicole Sleeth
Philosophy	11	Anais Kadian
Physics	11	Anais Kadian
Science	9	Talia Sechley
	10	Abanti Zakaria
Spanish	9	Parysa Salemi
	9	Alexandra Mierins
	10	Jade Legault
	11	Laure Pitfield
Overall Science	11	Heather Armstrong
Theory of Knowledge	11	Shalta Dicaire
Rothwell Prize for English	10	Hannah McGeachie

Grade 12 - OAC Closing

Academic Excellence Awards

Biology, Calculus and Physics
Data Management, French and Literature
Art, French, History, Literature and Spanish
Biology, Calculus, French, Geometry/Discrete Math and Physics
Classics, French, History and Literature
Biology, English, French and History
Economics, Finite Math, French and Law

Subject Awards

Algebra OAC
Calculus OAC
Challenge & Change in Society
Chemistry
Computer Studies OAC
Economics

English

English OAC
Exercise Science
French

French OAC
Finite Math OAC
Geometry & Discrete Math
History
History OAC
Law OAC
Literature
Math – Data Management
Math – Functions & Calculus
Music
Philosophy OAC
Physical & Health Education
Physics
Physics OAC
Visual Arts

University of Toronto National Book Award

Millennium Scholarship
Governor General's Academic Medal
Overall Academic Proficiency – Grade 12
Overall Academic Proficiency – OAC
Vice-Principal's Leadership Award for Initiative
Elizabeth Agbi, Dorothy Binkley, Nazia Charania, Eleni Deacon, Julia Doran, Heather Hull, Melissa Msimanga, Christine O'Connor.
Mitchell Thomas Prize
Bruce Hicks Award for Public Service
Lieutenant Governor's Community Volunteer Award

Great Yoi Honour Athletic Award

Nadia Bryden, Emily Colton, Katie Houghton, Jeahan Kraya, Alyson Mann.

Headmistress' Prize

Margaret White Cup Awarded to a student in her graduating year who has been at Elmwood since Grade 9, and has made an outstanding contribution to the extra-curricular life of the school.

Ewing Cup for Character

All-Round Contribution to School Life

Old Girls House Motto

Each house proposes a candidate who best exemplifies its motto. The final award is decided by vote of prefects and teachers.

NOMINEES:

FRY	- Friendship for All	Alexandra Duret
KELLER	- Fair Play	Christina Amundsen
NIGHTINGALE	- Not For Ourselves Alone	Julie Pickering
WILSON	- To Give Ourselves & Never Count The Cost	Lauren MacLean

WINNER – Alexandra Duret

Arianne Buchan
Eleni Deacon
Julia Doran
Habibat Garuba
Talia Zajac
Dorothy Binkley
Amy Boyle

Samaneh Salari
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Laura Haley
Kyla MacLeod
Melissa Msimanga
Sabrina Browarski
Brittany Gillen
Heather Hull
Ainsley Winter
Rebecca Willems
Jessica Harris
Laura Glowacki
Jennifer Pelland
Kristen Shames
Brittany Hughes
Julia Betts
Nazia Charania
Elodie Button
Andrea Laporte
Sarah Russell
Nazia Charania
Fiona Stewart
Sabrina Browarski
Elissa Cohen
Laura Haley
Lara Zabel
Brittany Hughes
Stephanie Gaty

Habibat Garuba
Jessica Wilson
Elodie Button
Natalia Zajac
Natalia Zajac
Dorothy Binkley

Rebecca Willems
Maggie Thomson
Dorothy Binkley
Arianne Buchan

Emily Colton
Veronica Howard

Brittany Gillen
Katie Bullis Elliott
Alyson Mann

Graduate Awards

Humanities Award
Carolyn Strauss Poetry Award
Elizabeth Davis Prize for English
McKee Fine Arts Cup
Music Performance
Theatre Production Award
Heacock Creativity Prize
Wallack Art Award

Heather Hoy Prize for best submission to

Samara in Art and Literature
Grace E. Knowlton Prize for Progress
Philpot Science Prize

Elmwood Edge Award

Outerbridge Cup for Senior Mathematics 12- Katie Bullis Elliott
OAC - Melissa Msimanga

Whitwill History Prize
Keary-Taylor Prize for Drama
Fiona Nicolson Creativity Prize

Dena El Sayed
Talia Zajac
Eleni Deacon
Julia Betts
Jennifer Blakney
Julia Doran
Stephanie Kerrigan
Whitney Lewis-Smith

Alex Paterson
Lily Kadivar
Christine O'Connor
Lisa Rosenberg
Julie Ashton
Emily Richardson
Susan Shore
Katie Bullis Elliott
OAC - Melissa Msimanga
Dorothy Binkley
Alexandra Hui
Kyla Macleod

HOUSE AWARDS

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The Golden "E", for the accumulation of 500 House Points from Grades 9 -OAC, is awarded to: Julia Betts, Dorothy Binkley, Sabrina Browarski, Nadia Bryden, Arianne Buchan, Eleni Deacon, Julia Doran, Dena El Sayed, Jeahan Kraya, Alyson Mann, Christine O'Connor, Sarah Russell, Fiona Stewart, Maggie Thomson, Jessica Wilson, Talia Zajac.

Prefect Awards

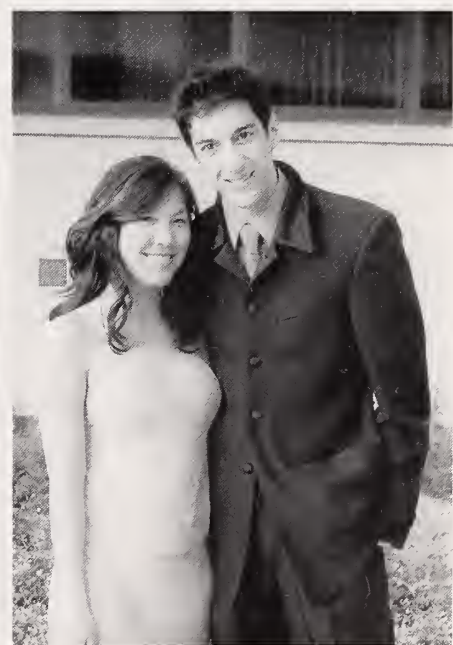
Prefect at Large	Julia Doran
House Prefect at Large	Jessica Harris
Junior School Prefect	Rebecca Willems
Middle School Prefect	Dalia Shabib
FRY	Carina Shalaby
KELLER	Nadia Potoczny
NIGHTINGALE	Nadia Bryden
WILSON	Elodie Button
Sports Captain	Jessica Hardinge Alyson Mann

House Cup for overall achievement in all areas: Nightingale
Philpot Token First awarded in 1934 by Elmwood's founder, Mrs. Hamlet Philpot, for cheerful help, loyal support and effective leadership throughout the school body this year. Julia Doran

Summa Summarum Awarded to the senior girl who has tried most faithfully to live up to the ideals and best traditions of the School and who possesses the qualities of integrity, trustworthiness, the spirit of comradeship and the capacity to achieve. The winner's name to be added to the illustrious list in the atrium.
Dorothy Binkley
Katie Houghton

Graduation





Mrs. McCormack, members of the board of Governors, Dr. Kirby, staff, students, parents and friends of Elmwood, good evening. It has been my great honour to help lead the largest and most diverse graduating class in the history of Elmwood. Tonight's graduates range in age from 15 to 20. This means that while some are rejoicing in the ability to legally consume alcohol and vote, others are rejoicing in the ability to finally see movies without adult accompaniment. They represent all points on the globe, with graduates from countries such as Iran, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa and Egypt. Among us are lifers, students who have attended Elmwood since grade 1; other graduates joined us only for their final year. They span two grades, many ethnic groups, and comprise 87 entirely unique personalities.

Seated before you are your daughters, students, sisters, nieces and granddaughters. I need not explain to you their endless ambition, the depth of their compassion, nor their unbreakable spirit. These are qualities that have blossomed in these girls as they have grown and come into themselves over the years. Their accomplishments in this year alone speak volumes of their talent and potential. They have made headlines in national newspapers for voicing their opinion in times of international turmoil; their faces have shone on local television as citywide volleyball team champions and for efforts towards the global campaign to ban landmines. They have represented us at the provincial volleyball and basketball championships. They have been selected for provincial rugby teams. They have competed with the brightest students in the country for prestigious scholarships and won. They have balanced part-time jobs while succeeding at school. They have attended conferences with international policy-makers and deliberated with Nobel laureates. A record 20 of them completed the demanding International Baccalaureate Full Diploma programme. ALL of these things they have done in the hours of the day NOT already filled by school and homework. And for the record, they also somehow manage social lives. But I probably don't need to tell you that either.

My four years at Elmwood have been, quite simply, the best years of my life. Even now, I am awed by the volume of adventures I have lived and the unbelievable friends that I have made over the course of my high school years. We have all learnt so much about ourselves, about what it feels like to have someone believe in us, to have someone there to encourage every one of our dreams, and to see them come into being. I am confident in saying that a large part of our future successes will be due to the opportunities we have been given, be they academic, athletic, artistic, cultural or volunteer in nature. This year, each of the graduates has proven the lengths to which she is willing to go to affect change. Whether their actions were done at school, across the street or around the globe, these girls have made their mark on the world and inspired future generations of Elmwood girls to continue to fight the injustices that exist in the world. To me, this is greatest legacy the class of 2003 could leave behind.

There are several people who have helped make my Elmwood so bright. **To my parents**, thank you for supporting all of my ambitions and helping me live my dreams. You are my inspirations and, often unknowingly, my greatest friends. I am so proud to call you my mom and dad. **To my brother Doug**, I have always looked up to you. Your presence here tonight means more to me than you will ever know. **To Dr. Kirby**, thank you for your support and conviction in my abilities throughout my high school career. You are a role model for us all. **To Mrs. McGregor**, without your determination and persistence, there would be far fewer graduates on stage tonight. Thank you for helping us learn how to focus on what is truly important. **To Ms. Bates**, you have been so caring and patient this entire year, thank you for letting Katie's and my dreams take shape. **To the teachers**, your faith in me has contributed so much to my self-confidence and for that I am eternally grateful. It is you who have helped us see the world for what it is and dream of what it could be. To next year's head girl **Anneka**, never lose your independent spirit and heart of gold. You truly are a friend to all and will succeed by simply being yourself. **To the grade 12s**, thank you for letting me lead you through one of the most memorable years of our lives. I feel blessed to be able to call so many of you my friends. **To Katie**, you have taught me what it means to truly care and how to greet each new situation with an open heart and an open mind. Thank you for being a phenomenal head girl and a true friend. **To Mrs. Faguy**, on behalf of the last OACs, I would like to thank you for your endless support. We hope that your 20th year of teaching grade 13 was as memorable as your first. Finally, **to the OACs**, you are among my very best friends. From our first homeroom parties, you have been an unfailing source of support in my life. Thank you for allowing me to be myself and loving that person. I will miss you all. Dorothy Binkley

Good evening Mrs. McCormack, Dr. Kirby, Ms. Bates, Mrs. McGregor, staff, students, parents, friends of Elmwood. I am proud and honored to stand in front of you, on behalf of the 87 outstanding young women here alongside me tonight.

This year has been extraordinary, one of the best years of my life. I have attended Elmwood for the last 6 years; I have never met more wonderful people from teachers to students. When I walk down the hall wall I am always greeted with an enthusiastic 'hello' or 'Hi', or a warm smile.

This year has also been a struggle with the double cohort making it the largest graduating class ever. Obviously, there has been added stress for both staff and students. The staff has risen to the occasion magnificently. They have always supported and encouraged each and every student to reach her potential and achieve her goals. The success we have enjoyed this year would not have been possible without this year's prefects and the whole graduating class. Life is about opportunity and not knowing what will happen next. 'Life is a series of journey's, not a destination. It's about how we rise to the challenges.' One thing I have found about this great school is that the more effort I have put into academics and extra curricular activities, the more positive feedback I have received in return. This has been a continual source of energy and inspiration. In addition, I have found by treating the inevitable bumps in the road as opportunities, not problems, the glass becomes permanently half full.

Dorothy, thank you so much, you have been a great leader and friend to me. Your energy is exemplary; you have always had enormous amounts of energy even at 4:30 am. And I could not have picked a better partner in crime.

All the Elmwood teachers that have taught me over the last years have inspired me. A special thank you to Mr. Main, Mrs. Bradley, Ms. Lamb. (Who incidentally, took a lot of enjoyment in smashing a pie in my face) Thank you all. You have given me hope, the confidence in my own abilities to reach my full potential, the capacity to dream, and the desire to push myself to get the most out of every opportunity.

In my last years of Elmwood, it would not have been as memorable and I would not be who I am today without the many people who have been role models and shoulders to cry on. I would mention especially my amazing coach, Mrs. Depooter, who has been there supporting me and giving me that shove to try a little harder and to run a little faster. She has also been like a second mother to me, and for that I will always thank you.

I want to thank my mother and father, who have given me all the support and encouragement I have needed. My mother, is also my best friend and has inspired me in so many ways to be a better person. My father who I admire, and has given me all the opportunities to reach my goals. They have always been there for me, and I am sure I speak for all of my graduating class when I say a big big thank you to all the mums and dads.

I want to thank the wonderful friends who have also given their support, through the good times and the bad times; who have always had a smile on their faces and who have known what to say just at the right time.

Dr. Kirby you are a role model to us all. You have given confidence to every young woman whose life you have touched. You have dedicated your time and effort toward the school and will be greatly missed.

To Anneka Richmond, I would like to wish you good luck next year. I have no doubt in my mind that you will do a fantastic job because you are a wonderful leader. Both Dorothy and I have all the confidence in the world in you.

Just remember that in the words of Mark Twain, 'Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. Good Luck to the class of 2003, Thank you for an outstanding and unforgettable years, Good Night. Katie Houghton

Dorothy Binkley

Head Girl

These have been the brightest and most memorable four years of my life. Wherever the future leads, this year will burn right in my memory with the smiling faces of those who have made my ambitions possible. There are too many people to thank for helping make my Elmwood experience so life-altering. That said, there is a handful without who I would truly be lost. **To my parents**, thank you for letting me try everything. You have given life to every one of my dreams, often unknowingly. The older I get the more grateful I am for the influence you have had in my life. You are my greatest friends. **To Erica**, you are my hero, (honorary) big sister and kindred spirit. Your wisdom has helped me through the brightest

and darkest points of this year. Thank you for understanding all the unspoken words. I miss you more every day. **To Elodie**, you are my better half. The Elodor Tag Team may be split next year, but not the bond between us. We have many bridges left to build. Thank you for teaching me how to look inside. **To Janet**, for standing up for me when I couldn't. Thank you for teaching me to laugh at myself. You have been my fan club; your support has helped me keep a smile on my face. We have many adventures left to live. **To Aly**, thank you for the laughter. You have kept me from going crazy at times and being boring at others. Keep living life to the fullest. **To Caroline**, for letting me adopt you without complaint. You

have become my (honorary) little sister and I will miss you. Thank you for listening, dreaming, believing and coming along for the adventures. **To MJ**, you let me teach you my tricks and in return you showed me how to appreciate the little things. My waterpolo buddy till the end, pink balls will always remind me of your big heart and endearing smile. **To the McCabes**, for being the finest people I have had the privilege of meeting. You have inspired me to see the world with both my eyes and look past the surface. NSCF began it all, and without your support it would never have happened. **To everyone**, never consider your blessings mere chance; good fortune comes with the responsibility of ensuring a bright future for all. I have been privileged this past year to watch you make this dream, of rendering the world into a just and prosperous place, a reality. Dorothy



Katie Houghton

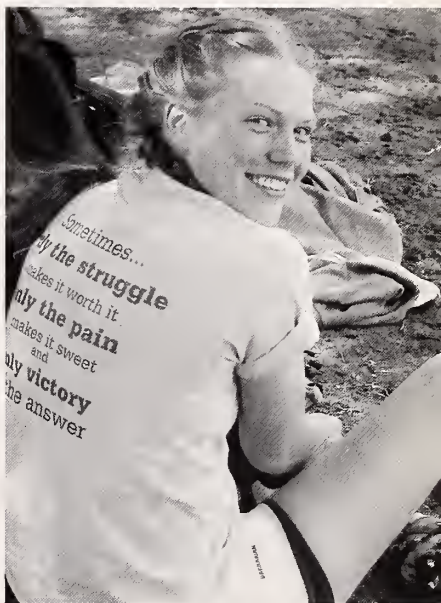
Head Girl

This year was outstanding, it could not have been as memorable without this year's wonderful and supportive senior projects and the graduating class. You gals made the year what it was.....A LOT OF FUN! Stephanie, over the past year we shared many laughs and made great memories with all the crazy stunts we have pulled together. The mud slides, the crazy Hallowe'en costumes, the football games, the sleep-overs, and best of all, just the hanging out. I love you and I will miss you so much next year! Life will not be the same without you. I will forever cherish the memories. Dorothy Binkley you were my partner in crime, I had a lot of fun organizing events and going costume shopping at the Salva-

tion Army. It was a wonderful and unforgettable year. Thank you for great memories that will last a lifetime. To my wood-tang gang & O-club... good times, good times. Making my last year incredible, you will all have a special place in my heart 4ever. I love you girls and will miss you, so keep in touch! To my camping crew....Jess and Dena, surviving what ever the wilderness throws with you two could not have been more exciting. With Jess almost bleeding to death, Dena's close call with hypothermia, and me forgetting our cooking gear....wow, we still had a truly awesome and memorable time. Jiri Raska, without your love and support I would not be where I am today! I love you with all my heart always and forever!

You are everything to me! Thank you!

A special thanks to all of my teachers for having faith and supporting me over the last 6 years. And finally to all the friends I have made, you will be greatly missed and in my heart forever! Katie



Being co-editors of the Yearbook, this year has been an interesting experience for both of us. We both came in with many ideas of what we wanted to do to the yearbook this year, including the grad section, which we knew was going to be a challenge. We spent many months creating ideas for the book, as we starting thinking last summer and in Stratford and we had many days where yearbook was all we could think about! However it all came together in the end, and it is a book that we are both extremely proud of. We both have lots of interesting memories of the many hours spent after school, weekends and in the summer putting the yearbook together. To Mrs. Bradley, we would like to thank you for your time, effort and determination this year in helping us get the book done. Whether it was coming in on the weekends, early mornings or in the summer holidays. We will always remember you for the quote, "Girls, Who put the picture of the witch in the teachers' pile?", one day while we were sorting photos, for the amusing anecdotes that you always had and the fact that you were always there for us even if it was not about yearbook. To Mr. McCabe, we would like to thank you for proofing the yearbook, dealing with the logistics and paperwork

and always being there for us.

To Mrs. McCabe, we would like to thank you for your drives on weekends to pick up lunch or photos for us, and for "adding" certain people to certain photos.

To Alex Paterson, Thank you for designing the cover for us, your time and effort was worth it, you did a great job!

To the Section Editors, thank you for putting the time in to create your sections and helping us create Samara 2002-2003.

To next years editors, we wish you the best of luck and we hereby promise to do the grad section and have it in on time and we will be there for any help you might need, even if it is someone to bounce ideas off of.

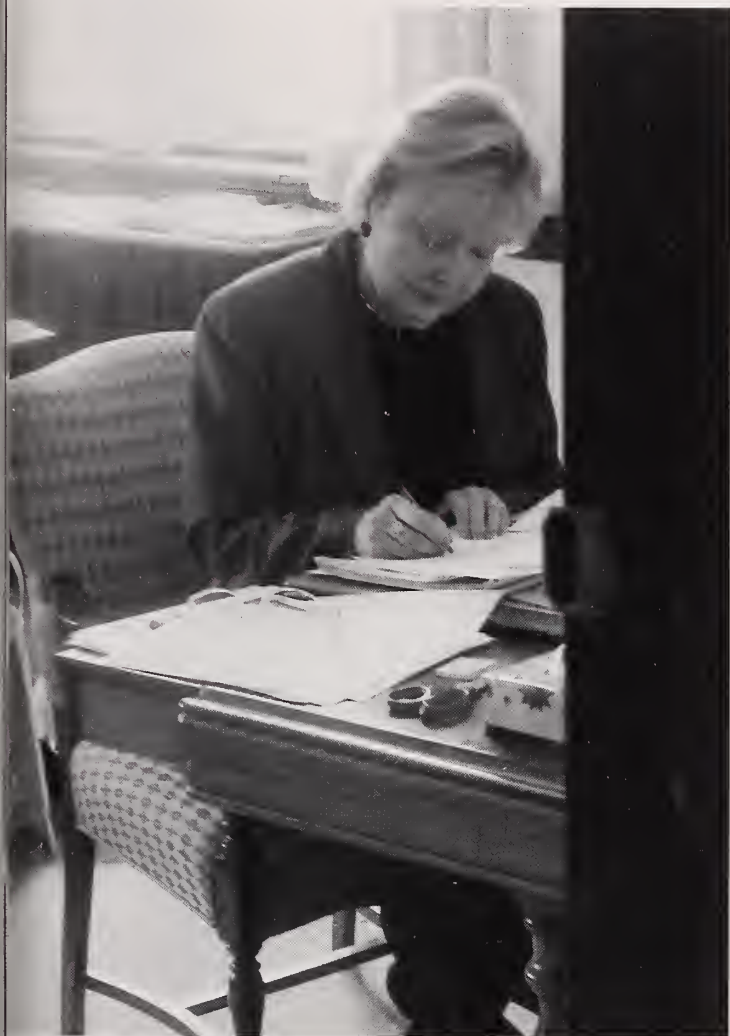
Samara Editors
2002-2003

Katie Crysdale and
Rhiannon Derbyshire



Editors' Page

Good-bye Dr. Kirby



Dr. Kirby once remarked that before coming to Elmwood she learned a great deal about the School from past editions of Samara. As she prepares to leave Elmwood at the end of the first term of 2003-04 it is interesting to speculate about what could be learned about Dr. Kirby from the past seven issues of Samara. Without doubt many of her accomplishments could be listed- maximum enrolment, the building of a new Junior School, creation of a separate Middle School, implementation of the International Baccalaureate program throughout the school, a laptop program in the Senior School and the introduction of many new co-curricular activities. Perhaps what Samara would not reveal as easily about this Headmistress is an educational philosophy that always puts the needs and well being of students first. A single example of how this philosophy has led to change at the School is the expansion of Guidance services to include two full time academic counsellors, a school nurse and a learning strategies coordinator. Samara would probably not let a casual reader know that this Head's office door is always open to students, parents and staff- no appointment needed. If the door is closed it means only one thing- someone needs her undivided attention. Samara would probably not reveal that Dr. Kirby was

initially somewhat bemused by the many seemingly sacrosanct Elmwood "traditions", particularly when she realized that things could become traditions after only being done once. For a very brief period student delegations were able to argue very effectively for activities based on "tradition". She also realized that there was always a particular uniform infraction designed (or so it appeared) to drive some adults in and out of the building to distraction. Untucked shirts, wonderful jewelry and truly astonishing variations of footwear have all been popular over the last few years.

Carol Kirby has often said that she came to a good school and worked to make it better. Past editions of Samara would show that she has certainly achieved this goal. She has also said that she believes that an Elmwood education should provide the necessary supports to graduate strong young women ready to succeed in the world. As this issue of Samara so clearly shows, our graduates are amazing young women, confident and prepared for the next phase in their lives. Dr. Kirby's strong leadership, exceptional energy and clear vision have directly contributed to their success. The Elmwood community will thank our ninth Headmistress in many different ways for many different things over the coming months. It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to thank her first in Samara. Mrs. McGregor

Good-bye

Mrs. Mayes

*"Age cannot wither her,
Nor custom stale her infinite variety"*

Anthony and Cleopatra

Born and raised in England, Kathy and her husband Rob came to Canada as young new-lweds in 1967. She taught English As A Second Language in Toronto, and English and Geography in Rockwood, Ontario before moving to Ottawa in 1972 where children Nicholas and Sarah were born. Her daughter attended Elmwood for 5 years and was head girl during her final year. Kathy came to Elmwood in 1984 to teach Grade Four and other subjects such as Social Studies and Creative Writing. Throughout her time at Elmwood, she played a major role in the extra-curricular arts

programme: sewing for drama productions, working backstage, painting sets, finding props, and supporting musical performances.

Her formidable organizational talents and energy were brought to bear on important events such as Junior Entertainment and Closing Ceremonies.

Most of all, Kathy will be remembered as a dedicated teacher whose magical touch, keen intellect and diverse interests made the grade four curriculum come alive for her students. Her classroom was always a hive of active learning, with students having the opportunity to experience the benefits of a teacher who believed in combining a rigorous academic program with memorable special events such as the Decem-

ber gingerbread houses, quilting, and play production. She was able to recognize and nurture the unique talents and interests of each child.

Kathy left the classroom in 2000 to work in Admissions.

In retirement, we are sure Kathy will continue to pursue her many interests with the same passion and dedication that she brought to the classroom. She is an avid reader, musician, gardener, renovator, traveler, and a fabulous cook. Her insight, wisdom, verbal wit, authority and sincerity will be greatly missed by the Elmwood community.



Mrs. Suthren

Lindsay Suthren began her career at Elmwood in September of 1986 teaching Biology to Grade 9 and 10 students. By 1990 she was teaching Biology at all levels including IB, and counseling students regarding their academic choices. In 1998 Mrs. Suthren's counseling skills (and three degrees!) were fully engaged in her role as Elmwood's Learning Strategies Counselor for Middle and Senior Schools. In this capacity she taught learning strategies, organizational skills and time management to both individuals and groups; supervised tutoring, ESL, CAT testing, literacy testing, and admissions testing; identified students with

special learning needs; monitored students who were having difficulties; encouraged students to achieve their goals; liaised between students and staff; and consulted with teachers on a regular basis regarding the progress of individual students. All of these tasks were performed quietly and reliably, with tremendous patience, humour, dedication and professionalism.

In speaking to colleagues and students about Lindsay's departure and what we would miss most, the following comments were heard repeatedly:

"She's an amazing listener. When you talk to her, you have her complete attention";

"Mrs. Suthren is very wise. She has excellent judgement"; "She really helped me get back on track"; "Lindsay treats every one fairly and with respect. She is very trustworthy, keeping all shared confidences private"; "She just knew so much about Biology. Way more than any of our textbooks"; and lastly, again from a student, "Mrs. Suthren's retir-

ing? But she's irreplaceable!"

Thank you Lindsay, from all of us at Elmwood. You have, in your special way, made the most valuable and memorable contribution. May you enjoy good health and cherished times with your family and grandchildren.



Mrs. Ross



Wendy came to Elmwood in September 1985 as the mother of Grade 7 student, Kim. It wasn't very long, however, before her library training at the University of Toronto made her a parent volunteer extraordinaire in the Junior Library. By the following year Wendy's role was formalized and she became the Junior School's part-time librarian. She was reminiscing about the library the other day. How times have changed! Books were arranged in broad subject areas, but Wendy took on the job of cataloguing the whole collection and then inputting the data to create old-fashioned catalogue cards using a brand new Apple IIe in the University of Ottawa Science Library. (Husband, Bill arranged this somehow.) The only Apples in the Junior School were in constant use in the Grade 1 and 2 classrooms!

In 1990 Wendy's expertise was needed in the Senior Library as

well and she started working at Elmwood full-time. The cataloguing of the Senior Library collection began. For the last 4 years she has been taking the information from those old cards to create an online catalogue for both the Senior and Junior libraries. Maybe things haven't changed that much after all.

Wendy's contribution to the School merely started with the technical aspects of her job. As an educated and wonderfully well-read woman, her value to the students, the staff and to me was immeasurable. She always knew where to find just the right information. Is there anything she doesn't know? That wealth of knowledge will be sorely missed.

Wendy looks forward to travelling with her husband, Bill and lingering over her morning paper. All the best in your retirement.

Mrs. Carter



Shirley Carter spent twenty-one years working for Elmwood. She was an Office Administrator extraordinaire with a deep knowledge of the school's traditions and standards. In her time with the school, she has been called upon to produce everything from transcripts to retirement "raps". She and her husband Geoff, had a close relationship with an extraordinary bursar from Elmwood's

past, Milena Sigmund. Shirley is also a "hostess with the mostest" and produces amazing feasts at her home and cottage. She and Geoff are devoted parents and grandparents and have a thriving family and social life. It has been a privilege to work with such a kind and supportive person—someone who has really left her mark at the school.

The McCabes

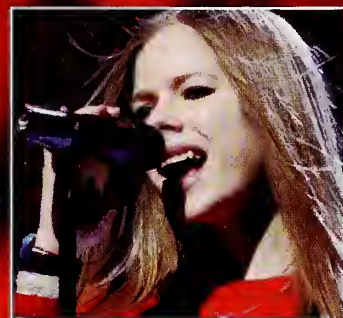




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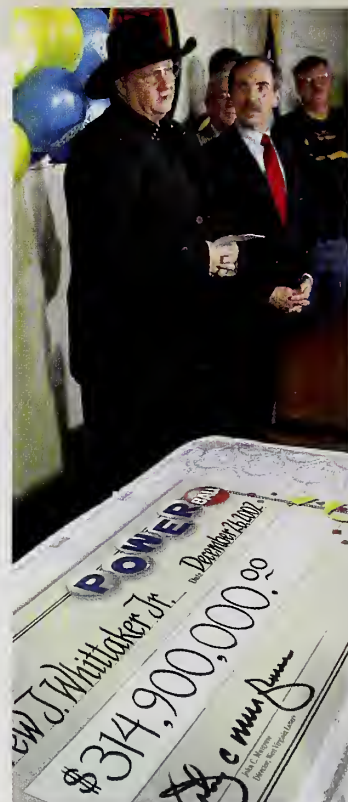
DIPLOMACY FAILED. George W. Bush decided that Saddam Hussein's time had run out. Without UN approval, Bush and allied Britain embarked on a military campaign in Iraq, prompting millions of people to protest the action worldwide. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien refused to back the action, citing the failure to get UN support. During the early stages, allied bombs destroyed many government buildings in Baghdad, as coalition ground troops made their way towards the capital. In some key areas, Iraqi resistance was strong, resulting in higher-than-expected coalition casualties. (AP/Jean-Marc Bouju)



PARADISE LOST. The al-Qaeda network apparently extended its deadly reach to the tourist haven of Bali, where a car bomb exploded outside a crowded nightclub in the popular Indonesian tourist area. Nearly 200 people, mostly Australians, but including one Canadian, were killed and hundreds injured. It was the largest act of terrorism since the attacks of Sept. 11. (AP/Achmad Ibrahim)



NOT SHORT ON CLASS. Despite standing only five-foot-two, the Queen Mum had lots of stature. As the public outpouring following her death in March proved, England's wartime Queen stood tall in the hearts and minds of her adoring public. Her death, at 101, came soon after contracting a cough and chest infection—and less than two months after the death of her daughter Margaret. (CP)



SOMEONE'S BEEN A GOOD BOY THIS YEAR. Santa came big time last Christmas for Andrew Whittaker Jr. The 55-year-old building contractor from Charleston, W.Va., won the US\$314.9 million Dec. 25 jackpot—the biggest undivided lottery prize in U.S. history. He plans to expand his business, buy a helicopter, and give 10 per cent to the Church of God.

(AP/Bob Bird)



SHUTTLE SHOCK. Striking across the sky at 18 times the speed of sound and 207,000 feet above Texas, the space shuttle Columbia broke apart after re-entering the atmosphere in January. The oldest shuttle in NASA's fleet was returning home from a successful 16-day research mission, carrying a crew of six Americans and one Israeli—all of whom died. The disaster sparked a debate over the importance of space exploration. (AP/Barbara Davidson)



BLACK SEA. Carrying 77,000 tonnes of fuel oil, the Prestige oil tanker sank 210 km off north-western Spain—spilling one-quarter of its cargo and blackening coastline in Spain and France. Experts are still adding up the damage, but it has already reached into the millions of dollars lost to the fishery and tourism industries. (AP/Denis Doyle)



TARGET: UNKNOWN. A rogue sniper pair in the Washington, D.C. area went on a random killing rampage in October, causing nationwide fear. Not knowing when or where the lunatics might strike next, many people stayed close to home for fear that pumping gas or going to the mall put them at risk of being the next victim. The accused, John Allen Muhammad, 45, a decorated Gulf War vet (left), and his companion, 17-year-old John Lee Malvo, allegedly killed 10 people before being captured. (AP/Jahi Chikwendiu)



A NEW THREAT. North Korea has nuclear bombs and it is willing to use them. At least that's what leader Kim Jong Il has threatened, promising "total war" if America makes any attempt to disarm him. The U.S. responded by taking the nuclear proliferation dispute to the UN Security Council in an effort to apply diplomatic pressure on the rogue regime. (AP/Yun Jai-hyung)



TRAGIC ENDING. A Chechen hostage-taking in a Moscow theatre came to a deadly close when Russian commandos pumped gas into the building to incapacitate the attackers. Sadly, 119 of the 750 hostages died from the effects of what officials later admitted was Fentanyl, a powerful opium-based painkiller. Forty-one Chechen rebels were also killed in the rescue. (AP/NTV Russian Channel)

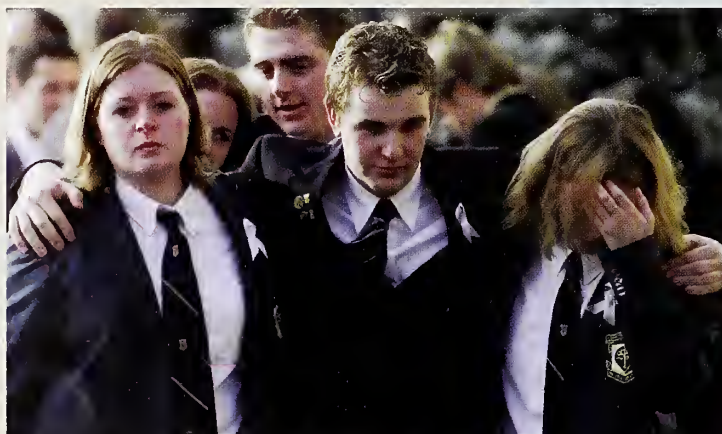


NO END IN SIGHT. Ariel Sharon and his centre-right Likud party were the big winners in Israel's January election, winning 37 of the Knesset's 120 seats. But with Palestinian suicide bombings and Israeli reprisals continuing, peace prospects appear as unlikely as ever. (AP/Letteris Pitarakis)

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UNFRIENDLY SKIES. A 227-kg bomb dropped by a U.S. aircraft over Afghanistan killed four Canadian soldiers during training exercises after the fall of the Taliban. The “friendly fire” deaths of the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry members, who were carrying out a live-ammunition drill at the time, prompted a nine-day U.S. military tribunal into the actions of the two pilots who released the laser-guided bomb. Despite their apologies, one of the families filed a wrongful death claim against the American government. (AP/Diether Endtlicher)



A WALL OF SNOW. By the time they knew it was coming, it was too late. A major avalanche buried seven 15-year-olds from the Calgary area while on a school-sponsored skiing expedition. They died in Glacier National Park, near Revelstoke, B.C., where four Canadians and three Americans were swallowed up by another avalanche two weeks earlier. (CP/Adrian Wyld)



I LIKE THE BIG CHAIR. Jean Chrétien doesn’t seem all that interested in giving up his job any time soon, much to the chagrin of PM-in-waiting Paul Martin and many Liberal MPs. The former finance minister, who was booted from cabinet by Chrétien in June, will probably have to wait until February 2004, the date the PM has set for his formal departure. (CP/Tom Hanson)



GIVE ME THAT TIARA BACK. Ottawa's Lynsey Bennett was stripped of her diamond-studded crown and her duties as Miss Canada International after pageant officials cited a lack of commitment. Bennett, a 22-year-old Carlton University geography and French student, made headlines when she was the first contestant to leave the Miss World pageant in Nigeria, after the event sparked deadly riots. (AP/Alastair Grant)



QUESTIONS OVER KYOTO. Environment Minister David Anderson took centre stage as debate raged over whether to support the controversial Kyoto Accord. Canada signed on, committing itself to lowering greenhouse gases by as much as 30 per cent between 2008 to 2012. But critics claim Kyoto will cost the economy billions of dollars and thousands of jobs. (CP/Fred Chartrand)



TOUGH YEAR ON THE FARM. Severe drought and the worst outbreak of grasshoppers in a decade left many Western Canadian farmers desperate. Not only was the year's total wheat production one of the smallest since 1974, but the unseasonable weather, including snow and below-zero temperatures in some areas, seriously affected crop quality, prompting aid shipments from Central Canada. (CP/Adrian Wylie)



B.C. HORROR. Robert Pickton, a 53-year-old Port Coquitlam, B.C., pig farmer, could be the worst serial killer in Canadian history. He is accused of killing at least 15 women from Vancouver's seamy Downtown Eastside. The farm was the site of a massive police excavation. (CP/Chuck Stoddy)

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WORLD'S YOUTH UNITE. Whether helping the elderly cross the street, working at local food banks or singing on subway and streetcars, the World Youth Day pilgrims made their presence known during their mid-July visit to Toronto. More than 200,000 from 172 countries flocked to the city for the Catholic Church's event to attend seminars, do good deeds and catch a glimpse of Pope John Paul II. (CP/AP/Stephan Savoia)

NOT JUST ANY OLD GRANDMOTHER. At every stop on Queen Elizabeth's 12-day tour of Canada, thousands of well-wishers lined up to see their favourite member of British royalty. First stop for the 76-year-old, who was celebrating her 50th anniversary on the throne, was Nunuvut, the only part of Canada she had not yet visited in her previous 18 visits. Later, she got the red carpet treatment in Vancouver at a Canucks game.

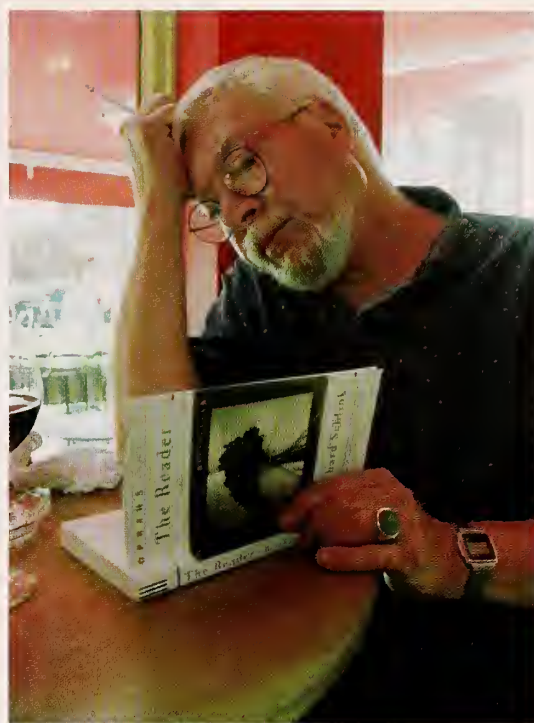
(MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)



A MIRACLE. Former B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt, who led the province during the early '90s, did more than survive a six-metre-high fall from a cliff which crushed his spine. Surprising the medical profession, he has made a spectacular recovery although he may not be able to walk without assistance. (CP/Nick Procylo)



KILLER BITE. A 70-year-old man from Mississauga, Ont., became the first person to die of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus after contracting the disease in Canada. Wildlife experts claim that West Nile is also killing birds by the tens of thousands in the United States and Canada. About 110 species have been affected since the virus was first discovered in North America in 1999. (CP/Rene Johnston)



IN MEMORIAM. Known as "Tiff," author Timothy Findley, 71, was the internationally-acclaimed author of *The Wars* and *Headhunter*. (CP/Simon Wilson)

Peter Gzowski, 67, was a writer-broadcaster and the voice of Canada as the longtime host of CBC Radio's *Morningside*. (MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)



PROVE IT. That's what critics were saying to Clonaid—the firm associated with the Quebec-based Raelian cult lead by Claude Vorilhon (right)—which claimed to have produced the world's first cloned baby. The alleged first, a girl named Eve, was born on Dec. 26, but the cult's scientific director, Brigitte Boisselier (left), declined DNA tests that would prove whether she is an exact genetic copy of her mother. (CP/Andre Forget)



FINALLY, SOME FRESH FACES. Jack Layton took up the reins of Canada's left-leaning NDP in a year that will see the old guard tossed aside for some fresh political faces. The Progressive Conservatives—and, of course, the governing Liberals—are also choosing new leaders later this year. (CP/Kevin Frayer)





NORAH, WHO? After sweeping the Grammy Awards with five prizes, including best album of the year, Norah Jones left many wondering where she came from. The 23-year-old daughter of famous sitar player Ravi Shankar and former dancer Sue Jones won over the judges and fans with her smooth sound on *Come Away With Me*, her debut album. (AP/Kathy Willens)



ADDING TO THEIR SUCCESS. Sum 41's exciting brand of power pop continued with the release of *Does This Look Infected?*—which went platinum within only a couple of weeks after its release. The four guys from Ajax, Ont., were regulars on the music charts and toured North America extensively with their over-the-top style of not-quite punk music. (AP/Haraz N. Ghanbari)



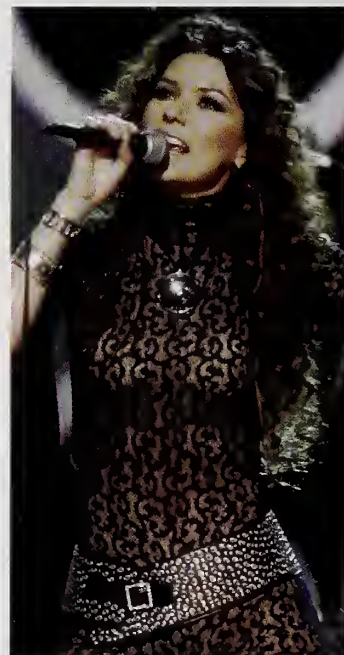
NOT JUST A SK8R GIRL. Avril Lavigne is a teen rarity. Just months after she left her hometown of Napanee, Ont., Lavigne landed firmly in super stardom. The 18-year-old pop-punk singer blew the industry away with her multi-platinum debut, *Let Go*. Lavigne, who received a remarkable five Grammy and six Juno nominations for her rookie season, has brought teen angst to a new level. Don't smile Avril, you might ruin your rep. (CP/Dana Edelson)



BONO'S IN GOOD COMPANY. Always willing to use his rock-celebrity status to forward philanthropic and political causes, U2 lead singer Bono has earned a spot on the short list for the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize. Always outspoken about world issues, Bono discussed international aid for developing nations at the World Economic Forum in New York in February and has campaigned against AIDS in Africa and the struggle for peace in his Irish homeland. The 42-year-old joins Pope John Paul II and former Czech President Vaclav Havel on the list. (AP/Francois Mori)



KRALL BATTLES BACK FROM A TOUGH YEAR. Diana Krall's new beau, punk rocker Elvis Costello, and a Grammy for best jazz vocal album for *Live In Paris* helped dull some of the pain from a year in which the native of Nanaimo, B.C., lost her mother. Krall, 38, opted to release a live album—recorded at the Paris Olympia—instead of one with new material following her 60-year-old mother's death from cancer. (CP/Anthony Harvey)



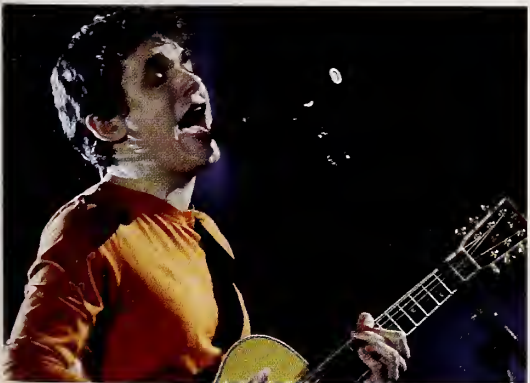
A LONG WAY FROM TIMMINS. You would think Shania Twain has it all, with 50 million records sold worldwide, a 19th century chateau in Switzerland, a happy marriage and a new son, Eja. But the pop star from small town Ontario proved she wasn't done yet when she released *Up!*, her first album of new material since 1997. She even headlined the Super Bowl halftime show. (AP/M. Spencer Green)



BROTHER IS NO LONGER DOWN. After getting an English degree from McGill University, travelling a bit and then toiling in music obscurity, Sam Roberts exploded into success. His six-song EP, *The Inhuman Condition*, featuring *Brother Down*, has made a lot of people excited about the 28-year-old's first full-length album due out this summer. (CP)



PRAIRIE SOUL. Remy Shand was not your typical Winnipeg teenager. While his friends were rocking out to Guns N' Roses and Bon Jovi, Shand was listening to Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder. No wonder the 24-year-old has earned comparisons to the Motown legends with his very soulful debut, *The Way I Feel*. Shand wrote and laid down all the album's tracks at his home studio. He even played all the instruments, including the guitar, bass, keyboards, drums and saxophone. (CP)



SHE PLAYS WELL WITH OTHERS. Although making a splash by joining forces with rappers Fat Joe and Ja Rule on a couple of singles last year, Ashanti proved she could do it alone as well. With her first single, *Foolish*, at the top of *Billboard's* R and B charts, the New York City-based singer sold four million copies of her self-titled debut album—including 500,000 in its first week of release. (AP/Richard Drew)



CAPTAIN CONTROVERSY. By showbiz terms, Eminem did it all last year. His second album, *The Eminem Show*, was met with critical acclaim and became the biggest selling disc of the year. He was strong in his big-screen debut starring opposite Kim Basinger in *8 Mile*—a box office success and Oscar winner for his song *Lose Yourself*. All the while, he seemed to put his bad boy reputation in the closet. (AP/Mark J. Terrill)

NOT JUST A GUITAR GEEK. While the comparisons to Eric Clapton may be a bit of an exaggeration, *Room for Squares* turned John Mayer into one of the biggest surprise hits of 2002. The 25-year-old native of Fairfield, Conn., took home a Grammy for best male pop vocal performance and he even dated actress Jennifer Love-Hewitt for part of the year. (AP/Mark Lennihan)



AT PEACE WITH THEMSELVES. After selling millions of albums worldwide, Our Lady Peace needed a change. So the Toronto-based band, headed by vocalist Raine Maida, escaped to Maui and the studio of their new producer Bob Rock. The result from a few days in the sun was OLP's fifth album, *Gravity*, which garnered four nominations at this year's Juno awards—including album of the year. (CP/Aaron Harris)



QUEEN CELINE. Canadian megastar Celine Dion released *One Heart* on the same day she debuted her new Las Vegas show. The act, which will take up residence at Caesar's Palace, will perform 200 times annually for three years. Could her next big stop be Ontario's Casino Rama? (CP/Radio-Canada)



PINK KNOWS HOW TO PARTY. Pink had one of last year's biggest musical anthems with *Get the Party Started*. And with *Missundaztood*, her follow-up album to her 2000 release of *Can't Take Me Home*. The wild-haired 23-year-old from Philadelphia delves into family troubles, loneliness and how annoying she can be to herself on her latest disc. (CP/Anthony Harvey)



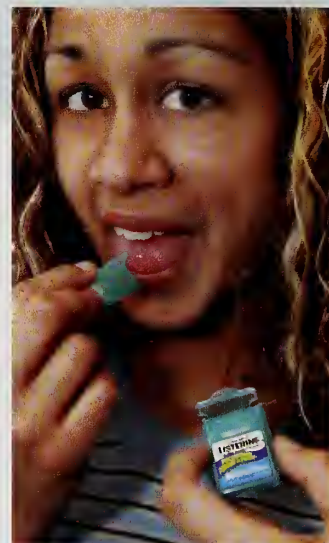
LET ME CHECK MY PALM. More and more people are throwing away their address and phone books and replacing them with Personal Digital Assistants. PDAs are also great for downloading articles, pictures and other information from the Web. Thanks to competition, the price on these once expensive organizers has dropped substantially, to less than \$150 for a basic model. Sure beats writing on your hand. (AP/Mark Duncan)

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN. Although they've long been a popular choice for DJs, it seems that LPs are increasing in popularity for listeners interested in getting a more raw sound. More and more people are searching through bins at used record shops for old school tunes or picking up their favourite contemporary stars' music on freshly cut albums. What's next? Return of the eight track?

(MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)



MAKING A STATEMENT. Tattooing and body piercing have become all the rage for teens—and much to the chagrin of parents, no body part is off limits. Laser removal can be very expensive, resulting in many teens opting for a less permanent tattoo that wears off over time. Luckily, body piercing holes heal themselves.



DON'T GO ON A DATE WITHOUT THEM. And do give them to that guy beside you in class with that not-so-fresh breath. The Cool Mint Listerine PocketPaks come in tiny packs of 24 tissue-thin strips that melt in your mouth and deliver a breath-freshening punch.

(MACLEAN'S/Peter Bregg)

TWO MINUTES FOR DAD. Abusive behaviour at children's sporting events has been on the rise in recent years, but in most cases it's not the kids throwing punches or verbal assaults. Instead, it's the parents who have trouble keeping control of their tempers. Sportsmanship classes for moms and dads are now common. Soon, there'll be homework and staying after school for such bad behaviour.

(CP/Jeff McIntosh)



BATTLING WITH MUSIC PIRATES.

In an effort to stop Internet users from downloading music for free, major record labels have set up Internet sites offering songs on-line—at a premium, of course. Not surprisingly, most people are staying away from these pricey options since free sites, like the popular file-sharing program Kazaa, continue to offer quick access to all your music needs. (CP/Ruth Bonneville)



(AP/Lucy Nicholson)

REMEMBER KIDS...NOT EVERYTHING ON TV IS REAL.

The cops and forensic experts such as Warrick Brown (Garry Dourdon, above) on *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* have continued to mesmerize viewers, landing some of the top ratings in TV land. Using a wad of chewed gum, a small trace of lipstick or a fiber in a carpet, the *CSI* team is able to solve complicated criminal cases. (CP/CTV)

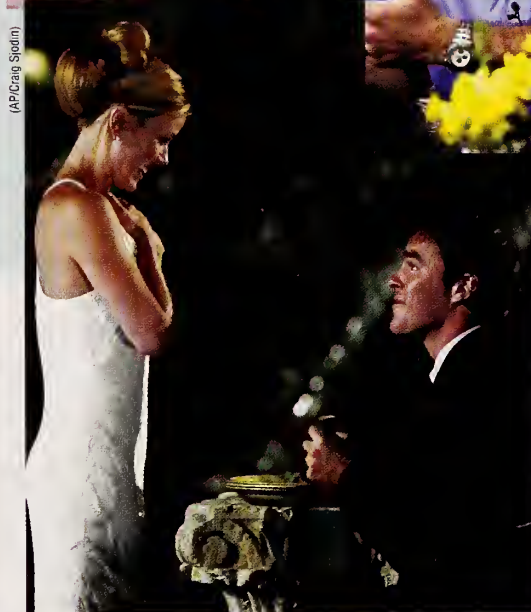


EIGHT SIMPLE RULES FOR REJUVENATING

A CAREER. John Ritter must have followed every one of them because the one-time star of *Three's Company* has come back in a big way with *8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter*. Ritter, who plays dad Paul Hennessy, has a tough time dealing with his girls growing up. The result: real-life situations that both parents and teens can laugh at. (CP/CTV)



(AP/Mark J. Terrill)



DOING IT FOR THE MONEY? WE DON'T CARE.

Yes, their \$2.3 million per episode salary may be one reason the cast of *Friends* keep coming back, but fans aren't complaining. High ratings encouraged a 10th hilarious season with promises that this will be the last. Regardless, the six-member cast, who are now household names, will keep the stream of jokes coming and probably stay on the small screen indefinitely, thanks to re-runs. (AP/Reed Saxon)

EVERY WIFE'S NIGHTMARE—THE INLAWS!!

The numbers are in, and while not everyone loves Raymond, he's doing all right. In its fifth season, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, starring comedian Ray Romano (left) as the lovable sports writer Ray Barone, still charts in near the top of the ratings. Laughs come easily thanks to Ray's dysfunctional relationships with his wife, parents (father played by Peter Boyle, centre), and brother (Brad Garrett, right). (AP/Monty Brinton)

NOT MY REALITY. Even though we laugh at how far reality television is from, well, reality, we can't keep from watching. And TV producers are quick to provide us with more. Some of the season's favourites included *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* (bottom left), in which a person picked a fiancé(e) from a host of hunks and honeys. In *Joe Millionaire* (right), a construction worker pretended to be a millionaire to woo unsuspecting gold diggers. And then there was *American Idol* (top left), in which the viewing public chose the next big musical talent. Yeah, sure. Meanwhile, the *Survivor* series continued in the Amazon.



THE COOLEST MAN IN A CARDIGAN AND SLIPPERS.

Fred Rogers, whose songs and stories on his television program *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* helped teach generations of children how to get along, died at the age of 74. The Presbyterian minister from Latrobe, Pa., first developed the concept when he created a 15-minute show on CBC called *Misterogers* in the late sixties. He took that concept back to Pittsburgh, where the show had its public broadcasting debut in 1968.

(AP)

Movies



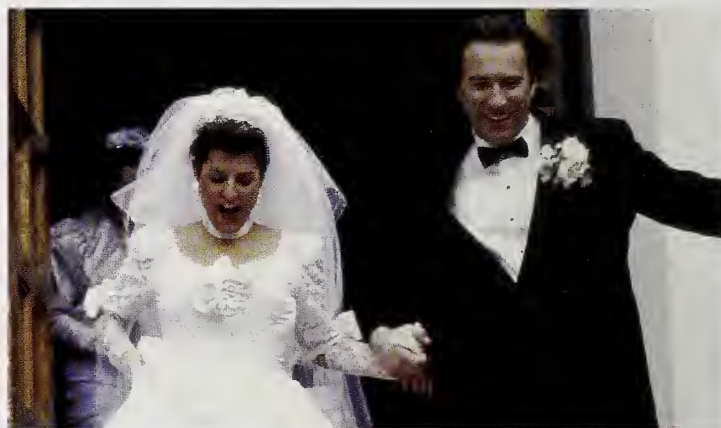
ALL THAT JAZZ. The Hollywood adaptation of the classic Broadway musical *Chicago* exploded on screen with energized performances from Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renée Zellweger and Richard Gere. The film won six Oscars, including best picture and best supporting actress for Zeta-Jones (above), who plays an aging stage star.



NOW YOU SEE ME. In *Catch Me If You Can*, Leonardo DiCaprio (above) stars as Frank W. Abagnale Jr., a real-life debonair imposter who, in the late 1960s, successfully impersonated an airline pilot, a lawyer and a Harvard-educated pediatrician. Tom Hanks plays the FBI agent determined to catch the young crook who has been able to cash millions of dollars in fraudulent cheques before his 21st birthday. Steven Spielberg, as always, does a fine job playing the director.



LORD OF THE ADAPTATION. Picking up where the first *Lord of the Rings* left off, Peter Jackson's *The Two Towers* throws the remaining members of the Fellowship into the increasing chaos of Middle-Earth, which is now fully under siege by the forces of Sauron and Saruman. Jackson proves a master in recreating the world introduced by author J.R.R. Tolkien. The film's special effects, which took home an Oscar, are candy to the eyes. (AP/Pierre Vinet)



A BIG FAT SURPRISE. Winnipeg-born Nia Vardalos shocked the movie world with her incredible breakout hit *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. The most talked about movie of the year, which tells how Toula (Vardalos), a 30-year-old single daughter in a very Greek family, falls in love with and marries a non-Greek (John Corbett), garnered a Best Screenplay Oscar nomination and a Golden Globe nomination for Vardalos. It also spawned a prime time TV series (*My Big Fat Greek Life*) and \$355 million at the box office. (CP)



THE POTTER PHENOMENON. Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe, left) and his pals Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson, right) are the only ones who can save Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from the evil forces that conspire against it in *The Chamber of Secrets*. The second movie installment of the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling (above) proved much darker than the first and, at 161 minutes, left some wondering if they could have read the book faster. (CP/Ian West)



JACK'S BACK. After saying goodbye to his job and wife of 42 years—who dies in the early scenes of *About Schmidt*—Warren Schmidt (Jack Nicholson) embarks on a journey of self-discovery aboard a motorhome. Destination: Denver, where his estranged daughter is about to marry a mullet-haired waterbed salesman.



THE SUIT'S PRETTY TIGHT. Tobey Maguire did a nice job fitting into Spider-Man's suit and also brought a lot of heart to the comic book role. Willem Dafoe plays the Green Goblin, Spider-Man's nemesis to a tee, putting the young Spider-Man's vow to fight crime and help innocent people to the test. Kirsten Dunst helps to round out the cast as Mary Jane Watson, Parker's long-time crush. (AP/Doug Hyun)



DIESEL IS EXPLOSIVE. Imagine a pierced, tattooed, skateboarding and video-game playing spy working for the U.S. government to gather information on an organization that may be planning the destruction of the world. That's Xander Cage (Vin Diesel) in *XXX*, a high octane flick that didn't exactly shoot the lights out at the box office. Nevertheless, a sequel is on the way.

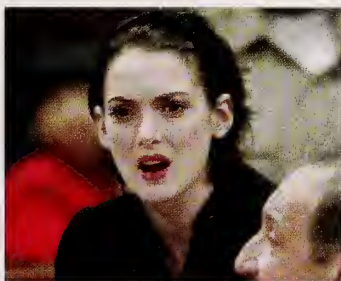
(AP/Murray Close)



YEAH, BABY! Scarborough, Ont., native Mike Myers brings back a host of favourite characters—including Dr. Evil, Mini Me and Austin Powers—for *Goldmember*, the sequel to the hilarious first installment of *Austin Powers*. Looking for plot? Don't bother. But if you like slapstick, Mike Myers is your man. The film also boasts a host of cameos, including Tom Cruise, Gwyneth Paltrow and Britney Spears.



BATTLING. Ben Affleck is a night-roving blind superhero and his girlfriend, Elektra (Jennifer Garner), is a martial arts master in the action-adventure flick *Daredevil*. Together the pair battle the forces of evil, until forced to join opposite sides. Colin Farrell co-stars and steals a number of scenes from the dynamic duo. (AP/Zade Rosenthal)



SHOPLIFTER, INTERRUPTED.

Actress Winona Ryder was found guilty of stealing more than US\$5,500 worth of merchandise from a Beverly Hills Saks Fifth Avenue store. The judge ordered the star of *Girl, Interrupted* and *Reality Bites* to pay \$10,000 in fines and restitution and perform 480 hours of community service.

(AP/Steve Grayson)

TOP \$\$ MOVIES OF 2002

SPIDER-MAN	\$595 million
THE TWO TOWERS	\$485 million
ATTACK OF THE CLONES	\$456 million
HARRY POTTER 2	\$384 million
MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING	\$355 million
SIGNS	\$334 million
AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER	\$314 million
MEN IN BLACK II	\$283 million
ICE AGE	\$259 million
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN	\$237 million

Sports



JUST ONE OF THE BOYS. Doing her part to smash the gender barriers in pro-sports, Hayley Wickenheiser, 24, laced them up for a team in the Finnish Hockey Federation's third division. The native of Shaunavon, Sask., has stood up to the physical aspect of the game as the team's third-line centre and is a mainstay of the women's national team that has won seven straight world titles. (AP/Heikki Saukkomaa)



ALS RUIN DAY FOR HOMETOWN ESKS. The Montreal Alouettes staved off a late Edmonton comeback charge for a 25-16 win in the Grey Cup. In front of 62,531 fans in Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium, the hometown Esks rallied from an 11-0 halftime deficit. But the comeback fell short, resulting in a record-tying fifth CFL championship for head coach Don Matthews and Montreal's first Grey Cup win since 1977. (CP/Ryan Remlorz)



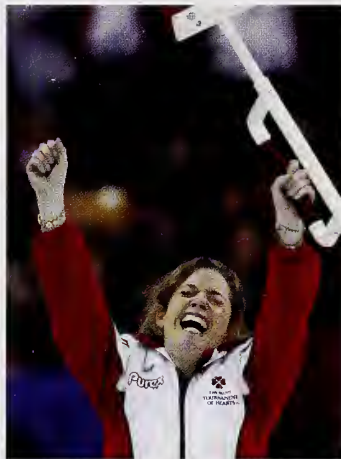
THE WINNIPEG ROCKET.

Winnipeg's Cindy Klassen, who won bronze at last year's Salt Lake City Olympics, added the 2003 all-around speed skating title to her growing list of achievements. Klassen, 23, ended Germany's eight-year monopoly on the women's all-around title, consisting of four races between 500 m and 5,000 m over two days. Klassen did it without winning any of the events, getting bronze in the 1,500 m and 5,000 m, and silver in the 500 m and 3,000 m.

(CP/Jeff McIntosh)

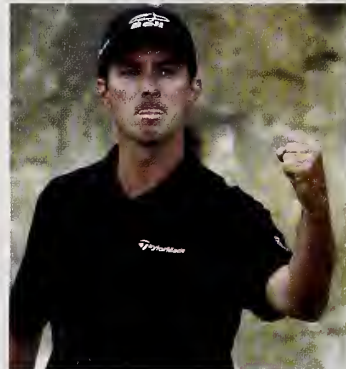


GOLDEN GIRL. Melanie Turgeon ended a decade-long skiing drought for Canadian women by winning the downhill at the World Alpine Ski Championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland. The 26-year-old from Lac Beauport, Que., became the first women's winner since Kate Pace won gold in Mroika, Japan. (AP/Michael Probst)



CURLING SHEET DYNASTY.

Colleen Jones proved that she is as good as it gets when it comes to Canadian curling. The 42-year-old skip led her Nova Scotia team to its fourth national title in five years. The win marked Jones's fifth first-place finish, which is more national titles than any other skip in Canadian history. (CP/Kevin Frayer)



WEIR REBOUNDS. After a horrible 2002 season, Mike Weir, a native of Bright's Cove, Ont., near Sarnia, exploded onto this year's PGA tour with two big wins. In February, the 33-year-old won the Bob Hope Classic and the Nissan Open—his fourth and fifth wins of his six-year career. Those two events lifted him atop the PGA earnings heap with more than US\$2 million with 10 months left in the year.

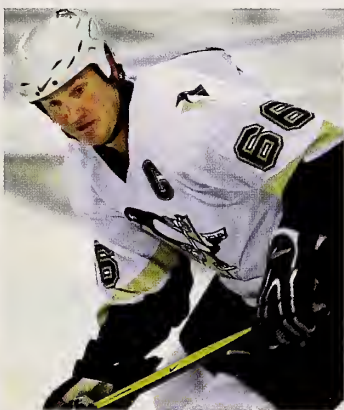
(AP/Mark J. Terrill)



WHO NEEDS A UNION WHEN YOU HAVE A FAN CLUB. The fuss over stalled contract negotiations between Ron MacLean and *Hockey Night in Canada* quickly moved from the sports pages to the front page. When the dust settled, the affable MacLean cashed in with a new salary of about \$450,000 a year, ensuring that Don Cherry would not be without a straight man on HNIC's *Coach's Corner*. (CP)



ASIAN SENSATION. Seven-foot-six-inch centre Yao Ming was the talk of the National Basketball Association in his rookie season with the Houston Rockets. So much so that the 22-year-old Ming's success has made China a new hotbed of NBA talent. Houston games are picked up on satellite TV throughout the country and there is talk of some 100 other NBA caliber seven-footers toiling in Chinese pro leagues. (AP/Mark J. Terrill)



I THOUGHT HE WAS A GOAL SCORER!? Pittsburgh Penguin centre Mario Lemieux became only the 10th player in NHL history to amass 1,000 assists. The injury-plagued 37-year-old Lemieux, who is better known for his ability to put the puck in the net, is expected to retire before next season. (AP/Gene J. Puskar)



THE BEST DEFENCE IS OFFENCE. Jon Gruden, 39, became the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl ring when his Tampa Bay Buccaneers destroyed the Oakland Raiders—the team Gruden coached in 2001—by a 48 to 21 score. The Bucs and their top-ranked defence proved too much for the Raiders' No. 1 ranked offence, returning three of a record five interceptions for touchdowns. (AP/Chris O'Meara)



SLUGGER HONOURED. Toronto Blue Jays third baseman Eric Hinske, 25, turned around an error-prone first half in which he made 16 miscues—and slugged his way to the American League Rookie of the Year Award. He hit .279 with 24 home runs and 84 RBIs and was the first Blue Jay so honoured since shortstop Alfredo Griffin took home the prize in 1979. (CP/Aaron Harris)

SORRY SIS. Serena Williams won her fourth consecutive Grand Slam tournament by defeating older sister Venus at the Australian Open in January. Serena, 21, adds the Aussie Grand Slam title to the French Open, U.S. Open and Wimbledon crowns she won last year—all against her 22-year-old sister. (AP/Michel Euler)



CHANGING OF THE GUARD. For weeks, Toronto Raptor Vince Carter (right) took a lot of heat for not offering his starting spot in the NBA All-Star game to Michael Jordan, who was making his final appearance in the mid-season event. Carter, who was voted by fans to the team even though he had played only 10 games in the season's first half due to injuries, redeemed himself moments before the opening whistle by giving up his spot to Air Jordan who went on to score 20 points. (AP/John Bazemore)

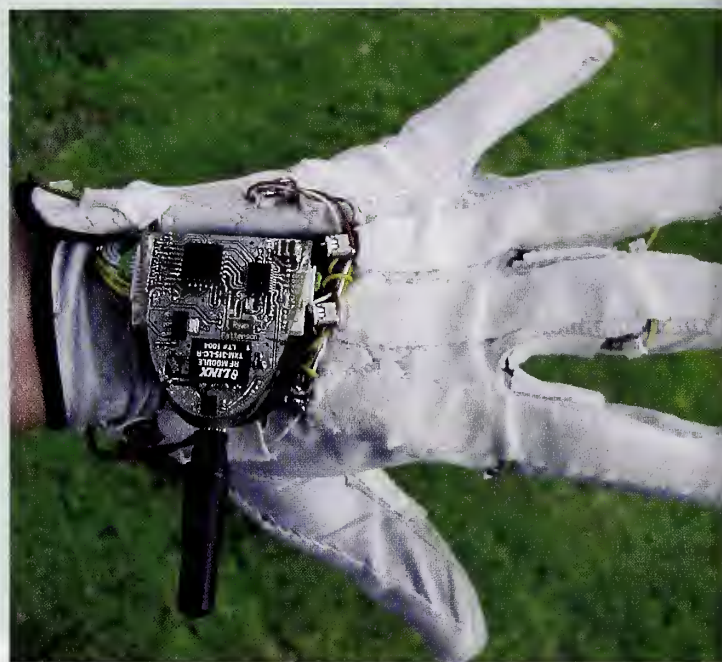


THE 2002 CHAMPIONS

STANLEY CUP	DETROIT RED WINGS OVER CAROLINA HURRICANES	4-1 SERIES
GREY CUP	MONTREAL ALOUETTES BEAT EDMONTON ESKIMOS	25-16
SUPER BOWL XXXVII	TAMPA BAY BUCCINERS OVER OAKLAND RAIDERS	48-21
PGA (TOP MONEY)	TIGER WOODS	\$6.9 million (U.S.)
LPGA (TOP MONEY)	ANNIKA SORENSTAM	\$2.9 million (U.S.)
NBA	L.A. LAKERS OVER NEW JERSEY NETS	4-0 SERIES
WORLD SERIES	ANAHEIM ANGELS OVER SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS	4-3 SERIES
WOMEN'S TENNIS	SERENA WILLIAMS	\$3.9 million (U.S.)
MEN'S TENNIS	LLEYTON HEWITT	\$4.6 million (U.S.)



FOR THE SPY WHO HAS EVERYTHING. Why not a phone tooth? Yes, thanks to two British researchers there's a prototype for a tiny phone which can be embedded in a molar and receive cellphone calls. The signals are translated into vibrations that travel from the tooth to your inner ear. Wannabe James Bonds, take note. (CP/Peter J. Jordan)



PRETTY HANDY IDEA. After watching a deaf woman struggle to order food at a Burger King, high school student Ryan Patterson decided to create a device that translates sign language into text. By wiring a leather golf glove, the 18-year-old developed the Braille Glove, which senses its wearer's hand movements and transmits them to a tiny monitor, where they appear as words. (Siemens Foundation)

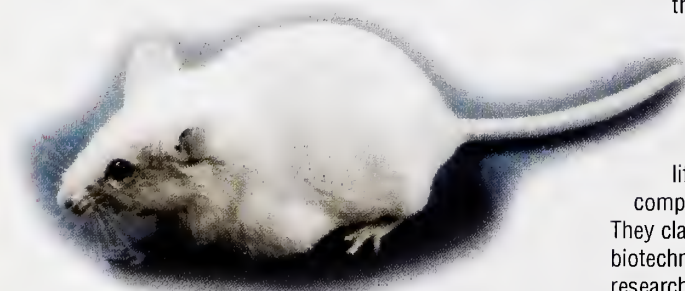
DUST BUNNIES BEWARE. Put your feet up folks, Roomba—the first automatic vacuum—is about to take the labour out of cleaning. The device, which runs on rechargeable batteries, roams your house on its own, in search of dirt and dust. Sensors prevent the dirt eater, which is about three times the size of a discman, from bumping into walls and furniture or falling down stairs. It even turns itself off. If only it knew how to cook dinner. (Jens Mortensen)



WHAT WAS THAT, FIDO? Like to know what your dog's been trying to tell you all these years? Japanese toy maker Takara claims it can help with Bowlingual. A radio microphone attaches to your dog's collar, and a handheld receiver "translates" his growls and whines into such phrases as "how boring" and "I'm lonely." When your dog barks, the sound is beamed to the handheld and matched to the database of thousands of dog sounds. Hopefully, you'll like what your best friend has to say. (AP/Julie Jacobson)

MOUSE CAN'T SQUEAK BY SUPREME COURT. While the rest of the Western world is fine with it, a Supreme Court ruling has denied patent protection in Canada to Harvard's OncoMouse, used in cancer research around the globe. The ruling—which broadly prohibits the patenting of any higher life form—was devastating for many Canadian companies awaiting patents on plants and animals. They claim that the ruling threatens to stifle biotechnological research in Canada, by depriving researchers of legal protection for their inventions.

(AP/Harvard Medical School)



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